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


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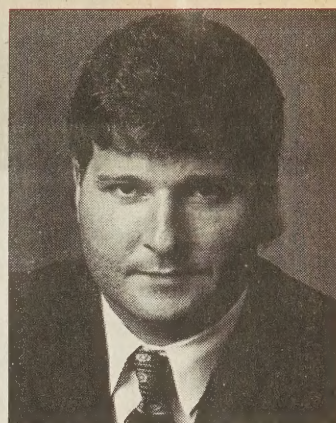
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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

The past year has been a busy one at the Ministry of Natural Resources. We've made significant changes to the organization and set the stage for some exciting new directions in resource management in Ontario.

A top priority is to revitalize and refocus MNR's fish and wildlife program and expand hunting and fishing opportunities in Ontario. I have also made the marketing and advocating of hunting and fishing a priority for the ministry.

In an effort to provide hunters with more timely and complete information, you will notice that we've made this year's hunting summary available earlier, and incorporated fact sheets for hunters of moose and deer.



Over the past year, we've also acted on a number of important commitments that will directly benefit hunters in Ontario. These include setting up the *Fish and Wildlife Advisory Board* to advise me on how to best use the money in our special purpose account for all hunting and fishing revenues. I have already accepted and implemented a number of the board's recommendations aimed at keeping our fish and wildlife populations healthy and abundant.

We're also taking a number of actions to increase the number and quality of hunting and fishing experiences across the province. These include working with the federal government to expand Canada goose hunting seasons, and increasing wild turkey hunting as new areas gain enough birds to support a hunt. As well, the ongoing partnership project to restore elk to the province is progressing, with the first elk expected to arrive as early as the winter of 1998. I have also made a commitment to maintain ministry funding for moose inventory in support of efforts to increase the province's moose population.

Last fall, I asked George Simmons to undertake an independent review of the moose and deer tag allocation process, and to make a report to me by April 30, 1997. The ministry is also conducting a review of the controlled deer hunt in southern Ontario. I look forward to getting the results from both of these reviews, and implementing recommendations for improvements. You will be kept informed of any changes.

These are just a few of the many wildlife projects and partnerships going on across the province. Your participation in wildlife management is important to us, and necessary to keep game populations in Ontario strong and productive.

I will continue to work with the hunters of this province to make sure that our resources are managed wisely, and that Ontario's hunting and outdoor heritage is passed on with pride to future generations.

Chris Hodgson
Minister of Natural Resources

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OUTDOORS CARD (HUNTING/FISHING)

The Outdoors Card system came into effect January 1993. Under this system, resident hunters need the card to buy a licence.



The plastic Outdoors Card is valid for three calendar years and costs \$6.00, GST included. Applications for the card are available at licence issuers or at local District/Area offices of the Ministry of Natural Resources. Holders of an Outdoors Card shall notify the Ministry of any change in information (e.g. address) no later than 10 days after the change occurs.

Resident moose, deer, farmer's deer, bear and small game licences take the form of a licence tag attached to the back of the Outdoors Card. Licences to hunt wild turkey and to hunt raccoon at night are paper licences. The archery tag for deer is no longer needed.

Three year licence tags for fishing and hunting small game are only available when a person applies for his/her regular Outdoors Card.

A hunter who has not yet applied for an Outdoors Card (Hunting) has two options:

1. If the hunter wishes to hunt in the next four weeks, the hunter should purchase a Temporary Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card from any District/Area office of the Ministry of Natural Resources (Fee = \$7.75, GST included).
2. If the hunter does not intend to go hunting in the next four weeks, the hunter should apply for the regular Outdoors Card for Hunting/Fishing.

RENEWING YOUR OUTDOORS CARD

Outdoors Card Renewal Applications are mailed to hunters in September of the year in which their card expires. Hunters can renew their card by either returning the renewal application **OR** they may renew over the telephone using a Visa or MasterCard. The telephone number for the automated Outdoors Card Renewal Hotline is 1-800-288-1155.



HOW TO USE THIS BOOKLET

This booklet summarizes information dealing with licences and some hunting laws. This summary is neither a legal document nor a complete collection of the current Regulations. It is meant to be a convenient reference only. For complete details, see:

- a) the Game and Fish Act (Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1990, Chapter G.1) and the Regulations made under this Act;
- b) the Migratory Birds Convention Act - Canada and the Migratory Birds Regulations; and
- c) the Endangered Species Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.15 and the Regulations made under this Act.

Each species or group of species has a section in the last half of this summary. Each section deals with basic regulations about hunting the species and Open Season Tables (showing you when and where you can hunt that species). The maps that show the Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) boundaries come right before these sections.

See the Glossary on the back of this summary for the explanation of terms.

You can obtain specific details of the Regulations (including more accurate descriptions of Wildlife Management Unit boundaries) from the local offices of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR).

HUNTING includes chasing, pursuing, following after or on the trail of, searching for, shooting, stalking or lying in wait for, worrying, molesting, taking or destroying any animal or bird whether or not the animal or bird be taken or subsequently captured, injured or killed. You need a hunting licence to do any of these things, except where the Game and Fish Act states otherwise. No person shall use, while hunting, any device capable of throwing or casting rays of light on any object.



LICENCE REQUIREMENTS

If you wish to hunt, you must have a licence valid for the species or group of species you are hunting and you must carry the licence and validation tag with you while hunting. You must show the licence to an Officer if asked to do so. Check the tables in this summary to see what, when and where you may hunt. (Animals listed in the tables may be hunted only during an open season.)

Residents and non-residents must be 16 years of age or older to be eligible for a licence to hunt. Residents may get a licence at 15 years of age, but they must first get consent in writing from both parents, one parent (if not living with both parents) or a legal guardian.

Contact your local police department for information about the requirements for firearm ownership, Firearms Acquisition Certificates and Minor's Permits (for those under 18 years of age).

TO OBTAIN A LICENCE TO HUNT you must have one of the following:

IF YOU ARE A RESIDENT

- a) Outdoors Card (Hunting)

IF YOU ARE A NON-RESIDENT

- a) an Ontario non-resident's hunting licence issued to you after January 1, 1968;
- b) a hunting licence issued to you by a competent authority in any jurisdiction as a resident of that jurisdiction after January 1, 1968;

LICENCE AND TAG INFORMATION

(GST included in all fees)

(Tags and seals are considered to be part of the licence.)

1. MOOSE LICENCES

- a) Resident's licence tag to hunt moose \$31.00
- b) Non-resident's licence to hunt moose \$272.00

2. DEER LICENCES AND TAGS

- a) Resident's licence tag to hunt deer \$24.00
- b) Farmer's licence tag to hunt deer \$16.00

You must complete an "Application for a Farmer's Licence to Hunt Deer" form (provided by licence issuers) to get this licence. This licence tag is valid only in the county (or as the case may be) in which you reside.

- c) Dog Licence (deer and moose) \$7.75
- d) Non-resident's licence to hunt deer \$123.00

3. BLACK BEAR LICENCES

- a) Resident's licence tag to hunt black bear \$24.00
- b) Non-resident's licence to hunt black bear ... \$123.00
Non-residents must have a Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate as well as a black bear hunting licence. They must also complete the report that comes with the Certificate and return it to the issuer of the Certificate by the date indicated.

NOTE: Residents and non-residents may purchase only one bear licence per year.

4. SMALL GAME LICENCES AND TAGS

- a) Licence tag to hunt small game \$10.00
This licence is valid for a resident to hunt birds (other than wild turkey) and animals (except bear, caribou, deer, elk, moose, badger, beaver, bobcat, fisher, lynx, marten, mink, muskrat, otter, red squirrel or wolverine). You also need this licence to hunt game birds on game bird hunting preserves.
- b) Resident's raccoon licence to hunt raccoon at night \$7.75

If you wish to hunt raccoon at night, you must carry your raccoon licence and your Outdoors Card that has a small game licence tag attached. You must also be accompanied by a dog licensed for raccoon hunting. You can only use a .22 calibre rim-fire rifle chambered to .22 short, .22 long or .22 long rifle for hunting raccoon at night.

- c) Resident Dog (raccoon) Licence \$7.75
- d) Non-resident's small game licence \$59.00

A licence to hunt small game authorizes a non-resident to hunt fox, game birds, rabbits, raccoon, wolf and squirrel. It does not allow you to hunt red squirrel and wild turkey. However, you can hunt wild turkey if you possess a wild turkey licence and a non-resident small game licence. The non-resident's small game licence also authorizes the holder to hunt game birds on game bird hunting preserves.

- e) Non-resident's licence to hunt game birds on a game bird hunting preserve \$15.00
To hunt game birds on a game bird hunting preserve only, a non-resident must have this licence.

5. WILD TURKEY LICENCE

Wild Turkey Licence \$16.50

If you are a resident, you must have a wild turkey licence along with your Outdoors Card with a small game licence tag attached. If you are a non-resident you must have a wild turkey licence and a non-resident small game licence (see page 4 for requirements).

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS (waterfowl, common snipe and woodcock)

You must have a Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and a Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp, as well as an Ontario licence to hunt small game. You may buy a Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp at any post office.

EXPORT PERMIT FEES (see also Export and Shipping)

Moose	\$30.00
Deer	\$30.00
Bear	\$30.00

- c) an Ontario Hunting Licence Examination Certificate issued to you after January 1, 1968;
- d) an Ontario Hunting Licence Verification Certificate showing that you were issued an Ontario licence to hunt or passed the Hunting Licence Examination; or
- e) a certificate, issued to you after January 1, 1968, by a competent authority in any jurisdiction, giving

you permission to purchase a resident's hunting licence in that jurisdiction.

- f) Outdoors Card, Hunting (issued when qualified as a resident)

TO OBTAIN AN OUTDOORS CARD (Hunting) you must be an Ontario resident. You must complete an application and submit it to the Outdoors Card Centre with one of the following items:

- a) an Ontario resident's licence to hunt issued to you after January 1, 1968;
- b) an Ontario Hunting Licence Examination Certificate issued to you after January 1, 1968; or
- c) an Ontario Hunting Licence Verification Certificate showing that you were issued a hunting licence as a resident or that you passed the Hunting Licence Examination.

Hunter Training Courses and Examinations

Anyone applying for their first Ontario resident's licence to hunt and any residents who have not held a resident's licence since January 1, 1968, must complete Ontario's Hunter Education Course and pass the Hunting Licence Examination. If you have moved to Ontario and have been issued a hunting licence by the jurisdiction of your previous residence, you may apply for the examination.

Contact your local MNR office (see District/Area Offices list pg. 47) for information about timing and location of courses and examinations.

It is illegal to get an Outdoors Card, licence, licence tag or validation tag by giving false information, or to accept an undated licence or one dated before or after the date you applied for it. Licences may not be exchanged as part payment towards another type of licence.

Hunter Orange

Effective September 1, 1997 this regulation to help safeguard Ontario's hunters will be in effect.

It will require all licensed hunters to wear "Hunter Orange" during the open season for Deer and Moose. Hunter Orange will also be required for Bear hunters during the fall bear season. This regulation will not apply to waterfowl hunters or to hunters hunting during archery-only seasons.

Hunter Orange must cover a minimum of 400 square inches above the waist and must be visible from all sides. A hunting coat or vest generally meets this requirement. Orange headcover will also be required. Camouflage or open mesh Hunter Orange does not satisfy the requirements.

Licence Issuers

Licence issuers are located throughout Ontario, at convenient locations such as sporting goods stores, hardware stores and tourist camps. You can only get licence tags and licences at MNR offices after October 31 for moose and November 30 for deer.

Licences, Tags or Game Seals Lost, Stolen or Destroyed

If your Outdoors Card is lost, stolen or destroyed, you may get a replacement by contacting the Outdoors Card Centre (1-800-387-7011). You will receive a replacement for the card and any three year licence tags for a small fee.

If you lose your Outdoors Card and annual licence tags, you must complete an application for a search for a fee of \$7.75. The card and any annual licence tags will be replaced for the above fee. If you lose the game seal, contact the local MNR office.

If you lose your non-resident licence or resident paper licences, you must complete an application for a search. The fee is \$7.75 for each lost licence. The search can only be done if the paper licence was purchased in the current year or the previous three years. You need to give the name and address of the licence issuer and the date of purchase (month and year). If possible, ask your licence issuer for the original licence number.

The above procedure also applies with necessary modifications for a lost, stolen or destroyed Hunting Licence Examination Certificate.

Licence Validity

The licence shows the period of time for which it is valid commencing with the date and time of issuance. To be valid, the licences must be completed and signed. Licence validity or expiry dates do not indicate open season dates. For open seasons see tables and maps in this summary.

All licences expire on December 31 in the year they were issued.

YOUR CO-OPERATION IS APPRECIATED

Report vandalism to electrical equipment and insulators on power lines as soon as possible. This helps keep utility bills and power outages of Ontario homes to a minimum.

No hunting licence is valid from the 16th day of June to 31st day of August next following in the parts of Ontario lying north and west of a line from Georgian Bay to the Ottawa River, formed by the southerly boundary of the District Municipality of Muskoka and the southerly and easterly boundaries of the Territorial District of Nipissing.

For more details on valid licences, contact your local MNR office.

Transfer of Licences

It is illegal to transfer a licence, tag, coupon or seal to another person. It is illegal to give or possess any game seal other than your own, or use or attempt to use a licence, tag, coupon or seal issued to any other person. Under certain circumstances, however, moose tags can be transferred (see MOOSE pg. 32).



IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

Firearms

Firearms include air or pellet guns, bows and crossbows. You may use semi-automatic or self-loading firearms for hunting in Ontario, but **not** revolvers, pistols or fully automatic firearms. For storage and transportation information, contact your local police department.

A firearm is considered to be loaded if it has a cartridge in the chamber or in the magazine that is attached to the firearm.

A muzzle-loader is a gun that is loaded through the muzzle.

You must plug semi-automatic or repeating shotguns so that they will not hold more than a total of three shells in the chamber and magazine combined. You cannot possess any clip/magazine that holds more than 5 shots for a semi-automatic rifle under the criminal code.

You must not discharge firearms from or across any highway, road in any county or regional municipality designated in the Regulations or from or across the travelled portion in any other area.

Generally, you are not allowed to have a loaded firearm between the fences, or if no fences, within eight metres, of the travelled portion of a King's highway, secondary highway, county road or a maintained township road in parts of Ontario as listed in the Regulations. These regulations apply year round in most of Ontario south of the French-Mattawa river system, however, in some areas of southern Ontario, it only applies during the gun season for deer. Contact your local Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) office for specific information.

On the Aulneau Peninsula, from September 1 to December 15 and from April 15 to June 15, you must not use a shotgun loaded with ball or with shot larger than number 2 shot, or a rifle of greater calibre or projectile power than a rifle as the .22 calibre rim-fire rifle. The calibre limitations do not apply to flintlock or percussion cap muzzle-loading rifles.

Check local sunrise-sunset times. You may only hunt from a half hour before sunrise to a half hour after sunset, except as otherwise provided. If you are in places where game live or may be found during a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise, you must unload and encase shotguns, rifles or other firearms in your possession. Firearms must be securely enclosed in a manner whereby they are not readily accessible.

Some townships have by-laws restricting the discharge of firearms. Check with the municipal office for details.

Remember: Hunting carelessly is an offence. Hunters who discharge firearms without due care and attention, or consideration for persons and property, are liable to a fine of up to \$25,000 or imprisonment — or both.

Small Game (Firearms)

While hunting small game you may not possess or use a rifle of greater calibre or projectile power than the rifle known as a .22 calibre rim-fire rifle or shells loaded with a ball or with shot larger than number 2 shot while hunting in an area and at a time during which there is an open season for deer, black bear and moose, unless you possess a valid licence to hunt deer, black bear and moose as the case may be.

The above does not apply where there is an open season for hunting deer with a bow and arrow only.

You may not use a rifle of greater calibre than .275, except a flintlock or percussion cap muzzle-loading gun, for hunting small game in the counties of: Brant, Elgin, Essex, Huron, Kent, Lambton, Middlesex, Northumberland, Oxford, Perth and Wellington and the regional municipalities of Durham, Haldimand-Norfolk, Halton, Hamilton-Wentworth, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo and York and The Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto.

Black Bear, Deer and Moose (Firearms)

A rim-fire rifle, a shotgun smaller than 20 gauge when loaded with shot or any shotgun loaded with shot smaller than SG or number 1 buck cannot be used for hunting bear, deer or moose.

You may not use any arrow (bow) or bolt (crossbow) that is not equipped with a head that has at least two sharp, unserrated, barbless, steel, straight-cutting edges or a head that is less than 22 mm (0.9 in.) at the widest point or any arrow (does not include bolt) that is less than 60 cm (24 in.) in length, for hunting bear, deer or moose. There is no minimum length for a crossbow bolt.

You may not use a crossbow that has a draw length less than 30 cm (12 in.) when hunting deer, moose or bear.

You may not use a crossbow that has a draw weight less than 45 kg (99 lb.) when hunting deer or less than 54 kg (119 lb.) when hunting moose or bear.

You may not use a bow (including compound and recurve bows) that has a draw weight less than 18 kg (40 lb.) when hunting deer or less than 22 kg (49 lb.) when hunting moose and bear at the draw length of 70 cm (27 in.) or less.

Dogs

You must licence any dogs to be used to hunt deer or moose. But there is no limit on the number of dogs that may be licensed and used. In the closed season, dogs may not run at large in an area inhabited by deer, moose, elk or bear.

You must have a letter of authority issued from your local MNR office to conduct dog training and field trails on game animals and game birds during the closed season or an appropriate hunting licence during the open season.

In order to hunt raccoon at night, you must be accompanied by a dog licensed for raccoon hunting and you must have a resident's tag to hunt raccoon at night.

For a dog coming into Canada from the United States, you must have a certificate, signed by a veterinarian licensed in Canada or in the United States, stating that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies during the preceding 36 months. The certificate must have a reasonably complete and a legible description of the dog and the date of the vaccination. For more information, check with Canada Customs.

Dogs may be brought into Ontario without security if you list them as part of the Tourist Outfitter's and Sportsmen's equipment when completing the necessary customs forms.

Snares

Snares cannot be used by licensed hunters, except for taking rabbits north of the French and Mattawa rivers and with a snare as described in the Regulations.

Poison

Poison cannot be used for taking wild animals.

Use of Vehicles or Vessels

Aircraft, snowmobiles, vehicles or vessels may not be used for chasing, pursuing, worrying, molesting, killing, injuring or destroying any animal or bird.

It is illegal to have a loaded firearm in or on, or discharge a firearm from, an aircraft, vehicle (including snowmobile and all terrain vehicle) or boat with any size motor attached or anything towed by the boat.

Trespassing

A hunting licence does not give hunters the right to enter private lands. Ask for permission and obey signs. Note: Red markings of at least 10 cm (4 in.) in diameter mean entry is prohibited.

Be sure you are familiar with the Occupiers' Liability Act R.S.O. 1990, c. O.2 and the Trespass to Property Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. T.21 before entering private land. You may obtain a booklet that explains the two Acts and outlines the rights of landowners and hunters from the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General.

You will also be violating the Game and Fish Act if the landowner asks you to leave and you do not do so immediately, or if you do not obey signs prohibiting hunting and fishing.

If you are hunting in a party of more than 12, you may not hunt upon any enclosed or unenclosed lands in any county or regional municipality without permission of the landowner.

Before hunting on Indian reserves, ask the permission of the Band Council.

If you wish to hunt deer on Barrie Island or Manitoulin Island, you must have with you a valid deer licence and the written consent of the landowner on the form provided by MNR.

Crown Lands

In Ontario, travel for recreational purposes on Crown lands and waters is generally free and unrestricted. Some Crown lands, however, have restricted-travel zones for forest fire prevention, officially closed forest-access roads and areas posted with signs to prohibit all or certain kinds of travel. Non-residents, except those using the services of a commercial outfitter, require a permit to camp on Crown lands north of the French and Mattawa rivers. Contact your local MNR office or licence issuer for permits.

Note: Some Crown lands may be posted against hunting and possession of firearms to protect forest workers or other resource users. Check with the local MNR office for details.

Game Preserves

Except where stated in the Regulations, you may not hunt or trap, or use or possess firearms in Crown Game Preserves. You may possess firearms if you live on private lands or Crown land held under a licence within a Crown Game Preserve, but you may not hunt or trap. There are Crown Game Preserves other than those shown on the maps. Check with your local MNR office for more details.

Provincial Parks

You may not hunt (or take) any animals or birds, amphibians and reptiles, inclusive, in provincial parks, or have a firearm with you, unless otherwise provided in the Regulations. Check with your local MNR office or the Regulations for more

details and for special permit requirements for hunting in Clyde, Bruton and Eyre townships (WMU 54).

Wildlife Management Areas - Wildlife Extension Landowner Agreement Area / Provincial Wildlife Area

There are 34 Provincial Wildlife and Wildlife Extension Landowner Agreement Areas in southern Ontario which provide hunting. Some areas have daily or seasonal licence fees, while others may be used free of charge. Some areas are only open on certain days of the week and for special hours and species. Detailed information on each area can be obtained from MNR offices. See pages 11 and 13 for listings.

Hunting on Sundays

You may not carry or discharge a firearm except bows or crossbows on Sunday to hunt in:

- any county except the County of Renfrew (except the Township of Raglan), the County of Prescott and Russell, and the Township of Haldimand in the County of Northumberland;
- any regional municipality lying south of the French and Mattawa Rivers;
- the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto; or
- the territorial districts of Muskoka, and Parry Sound and that part of the Territorial District of Nipissing comprising the geographic townships of Boulter and Chisholm and the parts of the geographic townships of Ballantyne, Butt, Finlayson, McCraney and Paxton lying west of the western boundary of Algonquin Provincial Park.

Note: The above does not apply to hunting on a licensed game bird hunting preserve.

Guides

You may not act as a guide in the Territorial District of Rainy River and Lake St. Clair unless you have a valid guide's licence. A non-resident cannot be a guide and cannot obtain this licence.

Non-residents must be accompanied by one licensed guide for each two hunters when hunting deer or moose in the Territorial District of Rainy River.

Officers

If an Officer has reasonable grounds for believing that game or fish were taken, shipped or possessed contrary to the Game and Fish Act and Regulations, the Migratory Birds Convention Act and Regulations, or the Ontario Fishery Regulations, that Officer may do the following:

- stop, enter and search any aircraft, vehicle or vessel;
- enter and search any fishing, hunting, mining, lumber, or construction camp or any office of any common carrier, or any premises where pelts are bought or sold; and
- open and inspect any trunk, box, bag, parcel or receptacle.

An Officer has the authority to stop a vehicle or vessel to request information about hunting and fishing.

Endangered Species

The Endangered Species Act protects 24 species and their habitats. These are: Small White Lady's-slipper Orchid, Small Whorled Pogonia, Large Whorled Pogonia, Cucumber Tree, Prickly Pear Cactus, Heart-leaved Plantain, Frosted Elf, Karner Blue Butterfly, Lake Erie Water Snake, Blue Racer, Timber Rattlesnake, White Pelican, Bald Eagle, Golden Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Piping Plover, Eskimo Curlew, Kirtland's Warbler, Mountain Lions, Loggerhead Shrike, Blanchard's Cricket Frog, Henslow's Sparrow, Wood Poppy and Hoary Mountain Mint.

Anyone who interferes with, injures or kills an endangered species or destroys the habitat of an endangered species is liable to a fine of up to \$50,000 or two years imprisonment—or both. Contact your local MNR office for more information about endangered species.

Illegal Killing of Birds of Prey

In Ontario, it is illegal to kill birds of prey (hawks, owls, eagles, falcons and vultures), except in defence of one's own property. Of special concern, is the protection of three endangered species: the Peregrine Falcon, Bald Eagle and Golden Eagle. These birds of prey are among the 24 species of animals and plants protected by regulations under Ontario's Endangered Species Act. Killing, injuring, interfering with or taking officially protected endangered species is prohibited by the Act. The maximum penalty for violating the Endangered Species Act is \$50,000 and/or two years' imprisonment.

Considerable effort is being made to protect birds of prey in Ontario. For endangered species, such as the Peregrine Falcon, release programs are essential for the reestablishment of breeding pairs of wild, adult birds. Every year since 1977, young eastern Peregrine Falcons have been released to the wild in Ontario to restore a population that had declined, almost to the point of extinction, as a result of DDT poisoning. The continued existence of this magnificent bird of prey in Ontario depends upon the survival of those birds that are present in the wild.

In order to avoid accidentally killing birds of prey, you must make every effort to clearly identify your prey before shooting. Historically, the killing of birds of prey was founded in old prejudices that label some species as "bad" because they are predators. However, predators such as our birds of prey play an important role in nature. They are part of our natural heritage to be conserved for future generations, and the law protects them. The Ministry is interested in receiving information about any illegal acts involving birds of prey.

Elk and Caribou

There is no open season for elk or caribou in Ontario.

Game Meat and Parts

You may not let the flesh of any animal or bird be destroyed or spoiled, which is suitable for food. This includes black bear.

It is illegal to buy, sell or barter any game animal or game bird or their parts, except under the authority of a licence and as permitted by the regulations. Some propagated game birds may be sold under a licence. No licence is required to purchase this meat. Also, for your own use only and without a licence, you may buy

GAME CHECK STATIONS

Throughout the hunting season, Officers will be operating random "Game Check Stations" under the authority of the Game and Fish Act. These check stations protect and manage our wildlife resource and help the ministry obtain information about wildlife harvested by hunters.

or possess meat sold under the authority of a Licence to Sell the Meat of Muskrat, Beaver, Raccoon or Bear.

The untanned or untreated hide of black bear, with the head and claws attached, and the hide of a deer or moose, without the head attached, and the cast antlers of caribou, deer and moose may be sold under the authority of a black bear, deer or moose hunting licence to licensed dealers in hides and cast antlers or to holders of licences to purchase these parts for personal use.

The above regulations for black bear now apply not only to Ontario bears but also to bears imported into Ontario from outside the Province.

Accidently Killed Animals

You may possess road kills and animals, including birds (other than migratory birds), found dead by natural or other accidental causes. In the case of black bear, moose and deer, you must report such finds to a MNR office immediately. For eagle, falcon, hawk, owl, vulture or furbearer, you must make the report within two working days from when you got it. In addition, anyone who acquires an eagle, falcon, hawk, owl or vulture must take the carcass to the MNR office for inspection within five working days of the acquisition. To possess a furbearer or its pelt, you need a licence issued by the MNR office. For Migratory Birds, contact the Canadian Wildlife Service.

Export and Shipping

Residents and non-residents may export from Ontario game birds and most game animals legally killed under the appropriate licence, if you produce a valid hunting licence for those species.

You must have an Ontario export permit to export moose, deer and bear or any part thereof from Ontario. You may obtain an export permit from most MNR offices in the area where the animals have been taken. You should obtain all necessary export permits before reaching a border point to avoid any inconvenience.

WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT DECOYS

Ontario Conservation Officers use simulated wildlife to detect violations in regard to public safety and unlawful harvest sections of the Game and Fish Act.

For export of furbearing animals taken under a small game licence, see Furbearing Animals, page 26.

A non-resident must pay for an export permit. (See Licence and Tag Information, page 5, for export permit fees.) Export permits are free for residents. Export permits have sub-permits attached to them for exporting a part or parts of the animal for which an export permit has been issued. You may use up to three sub-permits for this purpose. Receptacles containing game that are being shipped or transported to points inside or outside Ontario must have the names and addresses of the sender and receiver, and a list of the contents written on the outside.

When transporting migratory birds, a fully feathered wing must be attached until the bird is prepared for immediate consumption.

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is an international agreement which regulates trade in a number of species of animals and plants, their parts and derivatives, and any articles made from them. You need a CITES permit to export timber wolf, black bear or a variety of other species from Canada. As applicants for CITES export permits must be Canadian citizens, non-residents must have a resident apply on their behalf. CITES permits are currently available free of charge from most MNR offices. Non-resident bear hunters can most conveniently obtain their CITES export permit through the outfitter they are hunting with. CITES permits are not normally available near boarder crossings and consequently hunters are advised to obtain any required permits from a source closest to where they are hunting. In some countries, importation of timber wolves is restricted; requirements for importation should be determined by the exporter.

POACHING IS STEALING

Report violations immediately to the nearest MNR office, the Ontario Provincial Police or the local police or Crime Stoppers. Penalty for any violation of the Game and Fish Act is up to \$25,000 and, in the case of a conviction for careless hunting, may also involve imprisonment up to one year.




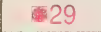

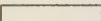




MAP 1

WMU BOUNDARIES

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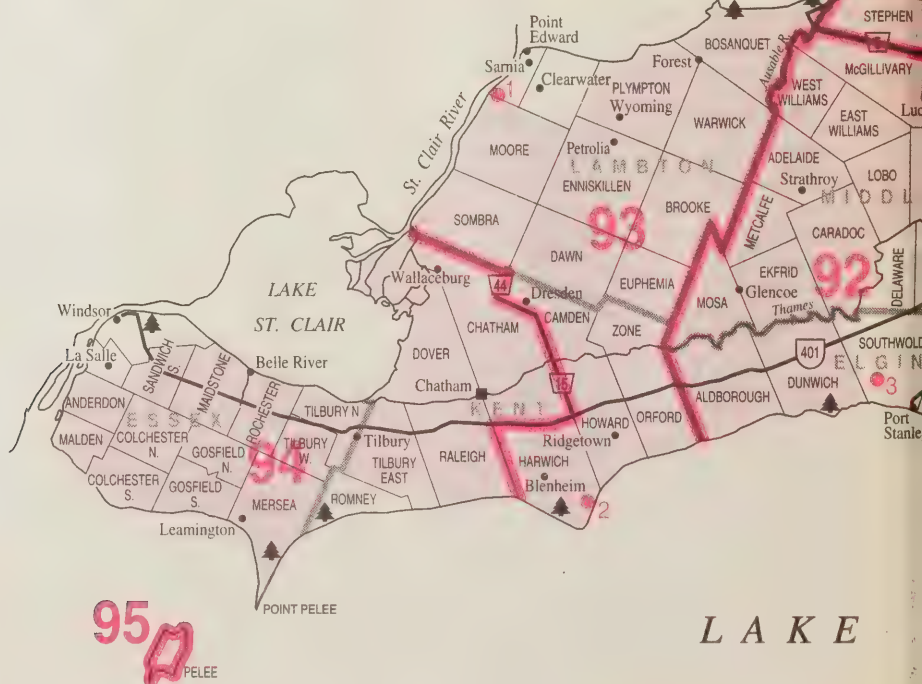
LEGEND

	Township licence required to hunt pheasant and rabbit.
	MNR District or Area Office.
	Provincial or National Park.
	Wildlife Management Area.
	County or District Boundary.
	International or Interprovincial Boundary.
	Major Provincial Highway.
	Secondary Highway.
	County or Regional Road.
	WMU Boundary and Number.

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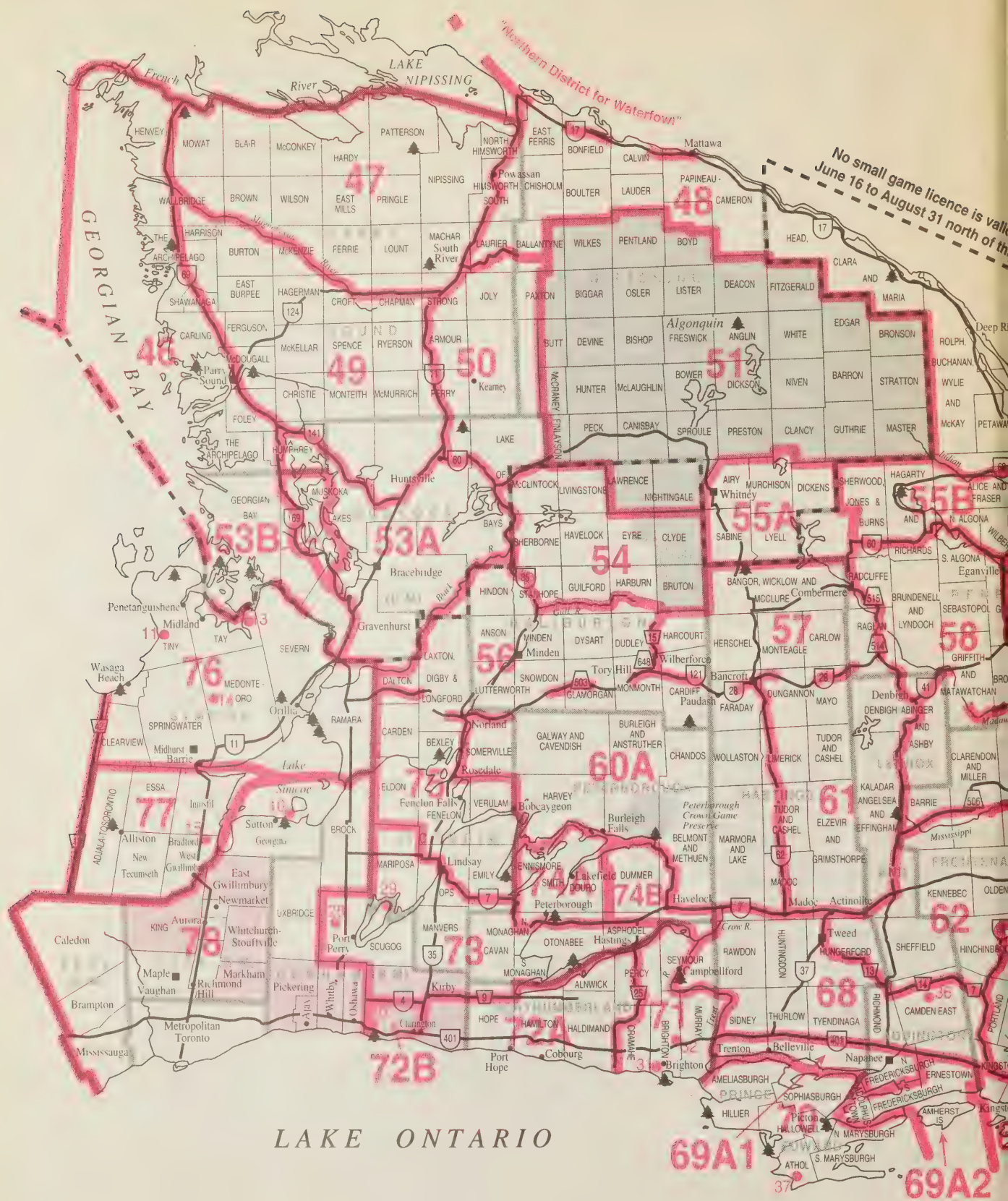
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

MAP 1

1. Stag Island (WMU 93)
2. Rondeau (Prov. Park) (WMU 93)
3. Fingal (WMU 92)
4. Aylmer (WMU 92)
5. Calton Swamp (WMU 92)
6. Vansittart Woods (WMU 91)
7. Lockhart Ponds (WMU 91)
8. Long Point (WMU 90)
9. Waterford Lakes (WMU 90)
10. Hullet (WMU 85)
17. Luther Marsh (WMU 80)
18. Orangeville (WMU 81)
21. Rankin (WMU 83)
22. Puslinch (WMU 87)
23. Beverly Swamp (WMU 87)
24. Valens Lake (WMU 87)
25. Binbrook (WMU 87)
26. Mud Lake (WMU 89)
27. Willoughby Swamp (WMU 89)



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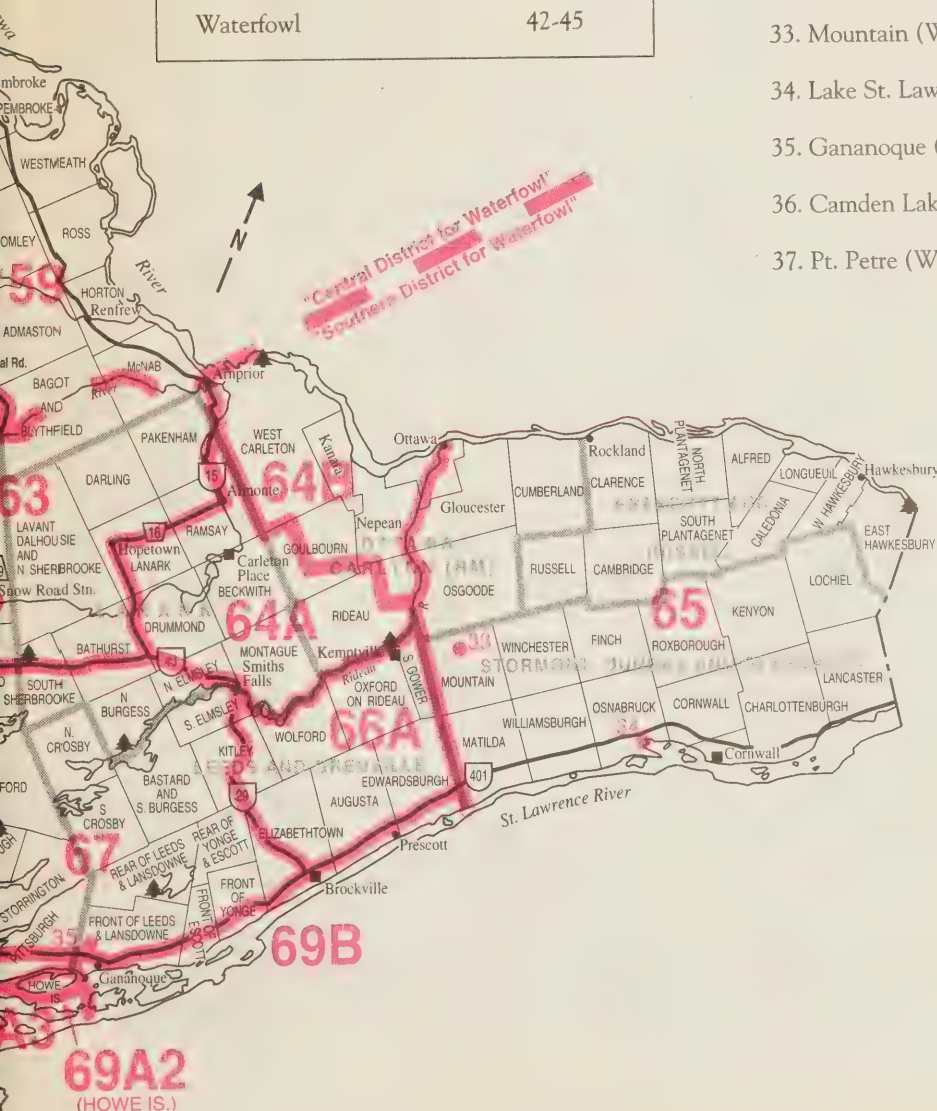
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11. Tiny Marsh (WMU 76)
13. Matchedash Bay (WMU 76)
14. Copeland Forest Resources Management Area (WMU 76)
15. Holland Marsh (WMU 77)
16. Sibbald Pt. (Prov. Park) (WMU 78)
28. Nonquon (WMU 73)
29. Scugog Island (WMU 73)
30. Darlington (Prov. Park) (WMU 72)
31. Presqu'ile (Prov. Park) (WMU 71)
32. Brighton (WMU 71)
33. Mountain (WMU 65)
34. Lake St. Lawrence (WMU 65)
35. Gananoque (WMU 67)
36. Camden Lake (WMU 68)
37. Pt. Petre (WMU 70)



LEGEND

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- Provincial or National Park.
- Wildlife Management Area.
- County or District Boundary.
- International or Interprovincial Boundary.
- Major Provincial Highway.
- Secondary Highway.
- County or Regional Road.
- WMU Boundary and Number.

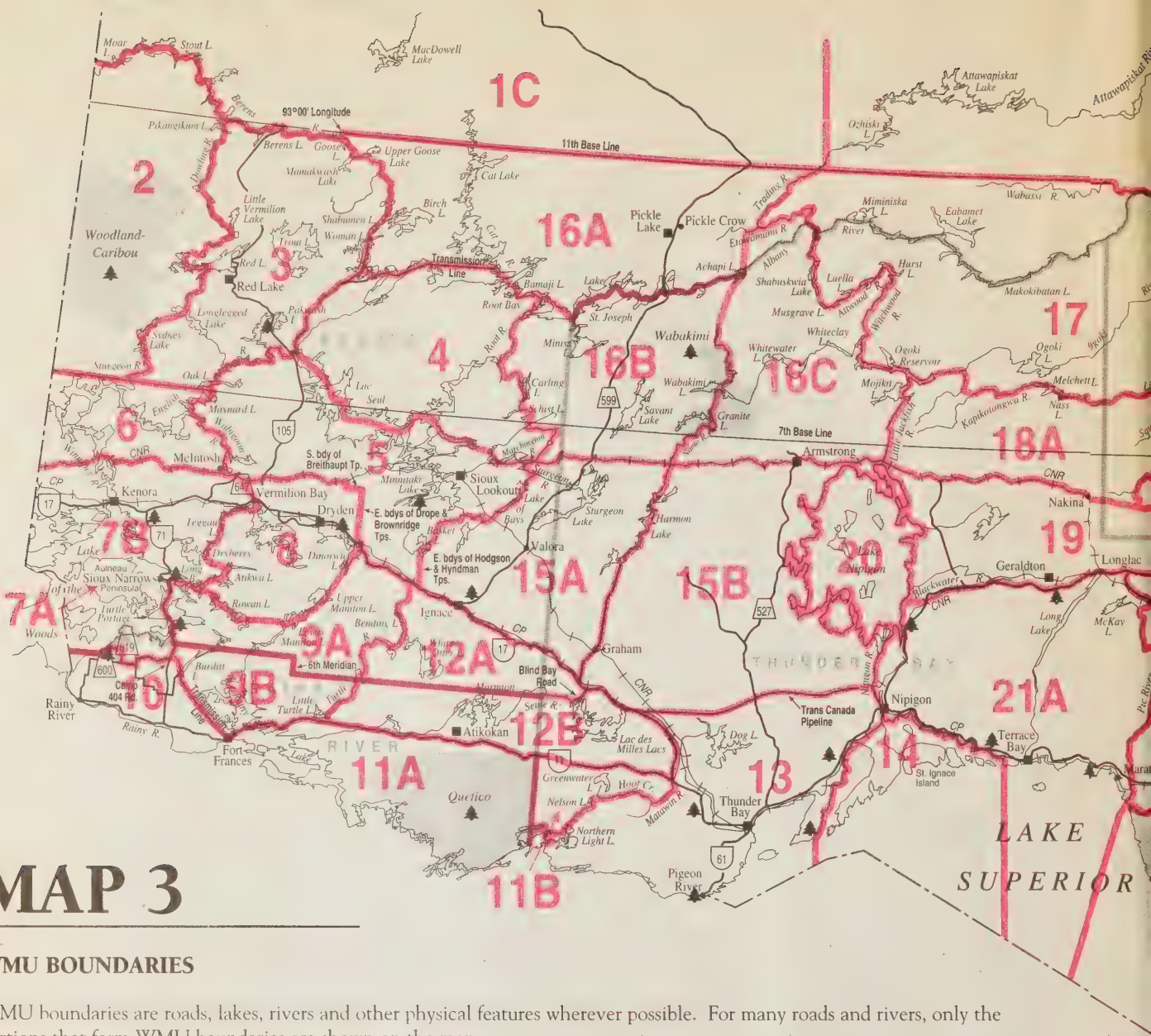
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BIRD SEASONS

You may hunt and possess wild turkey, pheasant, ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, spruce grouse, ptarmigan, Hungarian partridge and bobwhite quail. Check the Open Season Tables for bag and possession limits and time. The Migratory Birds Convention Act and the Regulations govern hunting of migratory game birds. It is illegal to hunt migratory birds within 400 metres of where bait has been deposited unless that place has been free of bait for at least seven days. You must have a Migratory Game Bird Hunting permit and

a Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp, as well as an Ontario licence to hunt small game, to take migratory game birds. See page 44 for Waterfowl Seasons. You require a special licence to hunt Wild Turkey.

Protected Birds

You may only take birds mentioned in the tables, as well as crows, cowbirds, black-birds, starlings and house sparrows. You must not shoot falcons, eagles, hawks or owls, or interfere with the eggs and nests of game birds. See also Endangered Species, page 8.

Game Bird Hunting Preserves

You may hunt pheasant, bobwhite quail and wild turkey throughout the year on game bird hunting preserves. You must arrange with the owner as to when you can hunt. You will also need a licence to hunt small game when hunting on a preserve.

A non-resident hunter needs a non-resident tag to hunt game birds on a game bird hunting preserve. This tag may be either a non-resident's tag to hunt game birds on a game bird hunting preserve or a non-resident's tag to hunt small game.

PHEASANT

TOWNSHIP LICENCES - A township licence is required in addition to a provincial licence for hunting pheasants in a regulated township (see maps). Contact the municipal clerk for issuance of township licences and information on firearm restrictions. Hunting of pheasants with a rifle is prohibited.

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Hours
2-41, 45	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15	3 of either sex	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset
42-44, 46-50, 53-59, 61-67, 69B	Sept. 20 to Dec. 15	3 of either sex	
60A, 68, 69A, 70-77, 81-86	Sept. 25 to Dec. 15	3 of either sex	
78	Oct. 8 to Dec. 15	3 of either sex	8 a.m. to 1/2 hour after sunset
88	Oct. 22 to Nov. 1	3 cocks	
79, 80, 87	Oct. 15 to Dec. 15	3, one hen limit	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset
89, 90, 91, 92	Oct. 15 to Dec. 15	3 of either sex	
93	Oct. 30 to Dec. 15	3, one hen limit	
94	Oct. 29 to Nov. 1	2 cocks	8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset
95	Oct. 23, 24, 30, 31 & Nov. 6, 7	Daily & Possession Limit 10 of either sex	
	Jan. 1 to Feb. 28	5 of either sex	

SHARP-TAILED GROUSE AND PTARMIGAN

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
1	Sept. 5 to Mar. 31	For all WMUs: 5 Sharp-tailed Grouse and 5 Ptarmigan	For all WMUs: 15 Sharp-tailed Grouse and 15 Ptarmigan
2-16, 19-21, 32-39, 41, 45	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15		
17, 18, 22-31, 40	Sept. 20 to Mar. 31		
42-44, 46-50, 53-59	Sept. 20 to Dec. 15		
61-67, 69B	Sept. 20 to Dec. 31		
60A, 68, 69A, 70, 71	Sept. 25 to Dec. 31		

BOBWHITE QUAIL

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
65	Sept. 20 to Dec. 15	3	6

RUFFED GROUSE AND SPRUCE GROUSE

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
1	Sept. 5 to Dec. 31	For all WMUs: Combined total of 5	For all WMUs: Combined total of 15
2-21, 32-41, 45	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15		
22-31	Sept. 20 to Dec. 31		
42, 43, 44, 46-50, 53-59	Sept. 20 to Dec. 15		
61-67, 69B	Sept. 20 to Dec. 31		
60A, 68, 69A, 70, 71	Sept. 25 to Dec. 31		
72-92	Sept. 25 to Jan. 15		
93	Oct. 29 to Jan. 15		

HUNGARIAN PARTRIDGE

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
13	Sept. 15 to Nov. 8	8	16
55-59, 61-67, 69B	Sept. 20 to Nov. 8	8	16
60A, 68, 69A, 70-75, 88, 89	Sept. 25 to Nov. 8	8	16
76	Oct. 18 to Oct. 24	8	16
87, 90	Oct. 15 to Dec. 15	8	16

Wild Turkey

The Ministry of Natural Resources is introducing a new telephone application system that will allow a hunter to purchase a Wildlife Turkey Licence conveniently by phone.

Starting March 3, 1997, hunters can call the Ministry of Natural Resources Electronic Licensing Line at 1-800-288-1155 to apply for a Wild Turkey Licence. Hours of operation are from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m., seven days a week, until April 30, 1997.

To use this system, you will need your Outdoors Card number, a valid credit card and either a touch-tone or rotary dial telephone. When you call, recorded instructions will take you through the simple procedure. You will be asked to enter the requested information using your telephone's key pad or dial. Please note, the system does not accept verbal information.

Following your application, a Wild Turkey Licence with Game Seal will be mailed to your address the next business day. Please allow seven business days for delivery.

Hunters may still purchase Wild Turkey licences in person at some MNR offices. Please check with your local MNR office to see if it offers this service.

You must take a Wild Turkey Hunter Education Seminar, sponsored by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, and you must pass an examination given by the Ministry of Natural Resources to be eligible for a wild turkey licence.

To hunt wild turkey you must have a wild turkey licence. You may purchase a licence by using the MNR Electronic Licensing Line or by filling out an application form at select MNR offices in an area with a wild turkey hunt.

You may only hunt bearded turkeys. (These are usually male, but can sometimes be female.) After you have bagged a bird, you may not shoot a second bird. You may, however, call turkeys for another hunter.

You may only hunt using shotguns (including muzzle-loading shotguns) and archery equipment. Shotguns must be no larger than 10 gauge and not smaller than 20 gauge loaded with shot sizes 4, 5 or 6. You may use bows or crossbows — they must conform to the same regulations as for deer hunting. A seal comes with the wild turkey licence. Immediately after you take the wild turkey, you must fill out the seal and attach it to the bird's leg. Take the carcass (intact) of the wild turkey to a designated check station between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the day of the kill.

For more information contact the MNR office in the area of the hunt.

WILD TURKEY* 1998

WMU(s)	Open Season	Bag Limit	Hours
68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 76, 77, 78, 81, 87B, 87C, 87D, 88, 89, 90, 91B, 92B, 92C, 92D	residents and non-residents Apr. 27 to May 17	1 Wild Turkey with a Beard	1/2 hour before sunrise to 12:00 p.m.

* An Outdoors Card with a small game licence tag attached must be carried with a Wild Turkey Licence.

BLACK BEAR SEASONS AND OTHER REGULATIONS

As of July 27, 1996, you may only buy **ONE** licence to hunt black bear per year. You may not take or kill more than one black bear under this licence. Once you have killed a bear, you must immediately attach the game seal to the carcass as described on the seal. The seal must be so attached while transporting the carcass.

During the spring bear season, you may not shoot cubs born in the year of the hunt or females accompanied by such cubs. The use of dogs to hunt black bear in the spring season is restricted in most parts of Ontario. (See the table for black bear.)

You may not shoot bears on Crown land within 400 m (437 yd.) of a waste disposal site. You may not shoot black bears in their dens.

Non-residents

You must obtain a Black Bear Hunting Licence Validation Certificate to validate a non-resident black bear hunting licence. You may obtain this certificate from an authorized tourist operator (operator of a tourist establishment, guide or air carrier) who provides black bear guiding or baiting services and accommodation.

If you are hunting with an immediate relative who is an Ontario resident licensed to hunt bear, or if you are an owner of property in a Wildlife Management Unit that has an open bear season for non-resi-

dents, you can apply for this certificate at a MNR office in the area of the hunt. Where a property is owned by more than one person or by a corporation, only one certificate will be issued. See also Licence and Tag Information, page 5.

Black Bear Management Areas

A non-resident hunter using the hunting services of a bear operator must hunt on the Black Bear Management Areas (BMAs) assigned to the operator, and/or on private land the operator has obtained permission for his/her clients to hunt on (except on private land located within a BMA assigned to another bear operator). Resident hunters are not restricted to BMAs and may hunt anywhere on Crown land, or on private land with the owner's permission.

BLACK BEAR

WMU(s)	Resident - Open Season	Non-resident - Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions)
Rifles, Shotguns, Bows and Muzzle-loaders			
1, 11A, 11B, 12-19 incl., 21-45 incl.	Sept. 1 to Oct. 15	Sept. 1 to Oct. 15	
2-6 incl., 7B, 8-10 incl.	Sept. 1 to Oct. 31	Sept. 1 to Oct. 31	
7A	Sept. 1 to Oct. 31	Sept. 1 to Oct. 31	Bows and muzzle-loaders only
46, 47, 49, 50, 53, 64, 66-67 incl., 69-76 incl., 83	Sept. 15 to Nov. 30	Sept. 15 to Nov. 30	
48, 54-59 incl., 60A, 61, 62, 63, 68	Sept. 1 to Nov. 30	Sept. 1 to Nov. 30	
1-50 incl. (excluding 7A, 25, 26), 53-60 incl., 76	Apr. 15 to May 15	Apr. 15 to May 15	
	May 16 to June 15	May 16 to June 15	No dogs
7A	Apr. 15 to May 15	Apr. 15 to May 15	Bows and muzzleloaders only
	May 16 to June 15	May 16 to June 15	Bows and muzzle-loaders only; no dogs
25, 26	Apr. 15 to May 15	Apr. 15 to May 15	
	May 16 to June 30	May 16 to June 30	No dogs
61-64, 66-75, 83	Apr. 15 to June 15	Apr. 15 to June 15	
		May 16 to June 15	No dogs

HELP THE MINISTRY COLLECT HARVEST INFORMATION

The Ministry of Natural Resources will generally not be collecting moose and deer jaws in 1997 as most areas no longer require this information on a continuous basis to meet management needs. However, MNR continues to require black bear teeth from all WMUs. **PLEASE** contact the MNR office where you plan to hunt or where you plan to turn in the bear teeth **BEFORE** you go hunting. They can provide details about locations, dates and times that any local collection centres will be operating. Also they can advise you whether they are collecting moose and deer jaws for local management needs.

You will receive a bear crest in exchange for harvest information and the two premolar teeth from your bear. Please be prepared to provide your hunting licence number, location and date the animal was taken. It's appreciated if you turn in the teeth to **DESIGNATED** collection centres **IN THE AREA WHERE THE ANIMALS WERE HARVESTED**.

DEER SEASONS AND OTHER REGULATIONS

The harvest of deer in most areas is regulated by a selective harvest program which places a quota on antlerless deer.

Licence Validity

You may only take antlered deer (having at least one antler 7.5 cm [3 in.] or longer), with your deer licence, unless you have an antlerless deer validation tag, for the right Wildlife Management Unit (WMU), fixed to the game seal. There is a computerized random draw for each WMU. Tags are issued to residents of Ontario only. Archery hunters wishing

to hunt antlerless deer in WMUs with bows-only seasons must also apply to the draw. Do not apply for an antlerless deer validation tag in a WMU with a controlled hunt unless you intend on hunting during the bow season only. Antlerless deer validation tags are valid during muzzle-loading seasons.

Party Hunting for Deer

(see Glossary, page 45)

Party hunting for deer is allowed.

The number of antlered deer taken by a hunting party (two or more licensed hunters) must not be any more than the number of valid licences with seals, held

by the members of the party. For example, a party of three can take no more than three antlered deer. Any member of the party may take them.

A party member may shoot an antlerless deer for which another party member has a validation tag. The party cannot shoot more antlerless deer than they have validation tags to cover.

Immediately after a kill, the member of your party who has the appropriate validation tag must get together with the shooter so that the tag holder can attach the game seal. At this point, party members at the kill site must determine the category of animals that may still be hunted.

DEER HUNTS WITH CONTROLLED HUNTER NUMBERS*

No Dogs

WMU(s) **	Resident - Open Season	Non-resident - Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
53B	Nov. 3 to Nov. 6	No Season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
69A2	Nov. 17 to Nov. 20	No Season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
70	Dec. 1 to Dec. 4	No Season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
	Nov. 15 to Nov. 30 Dec. 5 to Dec. 31	No Season	Bows only (Apply as 70B)
76B, 76C, 76D***	Nov. 3 to Nov. 7 Dec. 1 to Dec. 5	No Season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
79A, 79C, 79D, 80A, 80B, 85A, 85B, 85C, 87B, 87C, 87D, 89A, 89B	Nov. 3 to Nov. 7	No Season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
76A***	Nov. 3 to Nov. 7 Dec. 1 to Dec. 5	No Season	Rifles, shotguns, muzzle-loading guns only
77B, 77C, 78A, 78B, 81A, 81B, 90A, 90B, 91A, 91B	Nov. 3 to Nov. 7 Dec. 1 to Dec. 5	No Season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
76E***, 92A, 92B, 92C, 92D	Nov. 3 to Nov. 7 Dec. 1 to Dec. 5	No Season	Muzzle-loading guns only
86A, 86B	Dec. 1 to Dec. 5	No Season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
93A, 93B	Dec. 1 to Dec. 4	No Season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
93C Special Hunt: Contact Chatham Area Office for details.	Sept. 13 to Sept. 20 Oct. 1 to Oct. 10 Nov. 3 to Nov. 7 Nov. 15 to Nov. 22 Dec. 1 to Dec. 5 Dec. 13 to Dec. 27		Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only

* Licence number be validated; Deer hunter should contact appropriate District/Area Office for further details.

** Detailed information and maps are available from the Districts/Areas listed below:

53B Bracebridge Office, Bracebridge
69A, 70 Kingston Office, Kingston
75 Peterborough Office, Peterborough
76, 77, 81 Midhurst Office, Midhurst

78, 79 GTA, Aurora Office, Aurora
80, 87 Cambridge Office, Cambridge
85, 86 Clinton Office (Wingham), Clinton
89 Fonthill Office, Fonthill

90, 91, 92 Aylmer Office, Aylmer
93 Chatham Office, Chatham

*** Tags for the December hunt in Wildlife Management Units 76A, 76B, 76C, 76D and 76E are for antlered deer only.

You must then make sure your other party members, who did not come to the kill site, are informed. The hunter in your party who killed the animal and the hunter who attached the game seal may continue hunting, provided other members of your party still possess game seals.

If you have questions about party hunting, the best time to get answers is before

the hunt. Contact a MNR office in the district in which you will be hunting.

Transporting Deer

You must keep the game seal attached to the deer while you are transporting it. If you are transporting part of a deer, be prepared to state the name of the hunter

who sealed the animal, the hunting licence number under which the animal was claimed and the WMU in which the animal was taken, if requested to do so by an Officer.

NOTE: You may not hunt deer while they are swimming.

DEER SEASONS - RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, BOWS^a, AND MUZZLE-LOADERS^b

WMU(s)	Resident - Open Season	Non-resident - Open Season	Conditions (Restrictions Only)
6, 7B, 9A, 9B	Oct. 4 to Oct 10	Oct. 4 to Oct. 10	Non-Resident Guide Requirement in part of 7B and all of 9B, bows and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
6, 7B, 9A, 9B, 11A	Oct. 11 to Dec. 15	Oct. 11 to Nov. 15	Non-Resident Guide Requirement in part of 7B and all of 9B, 11A
7A	Oct. 11 to Dec. 15	Oct. 11 to Nov. 15	Bows and muzzle-loading guns only
5	Oct. 18 to Oct. 31	No Season	Bows, muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
5	Nov. 1 to Dec. 15	No Season	No dogs
8	Oct. 18 to Oct. 31	Oct. 18 to Oct. 31	Bows, muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
8	Nov. 1 to Dec. 15	Nov. 1 to Dec. 15	No dogs
10	Nov. 1 to Dec. 15	Nov. 1 to Nov. 15	Non-Resident Guide Requirement; no dogs
11A	Sept. 20 to Oct. 10	Sept. 20 to Oct. 10	Non-Resident Guide Requirement; bows and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
11B, 12A, 12B, 13, 14, 21A	Oct. 11 to Dec. 15	No Season	
28	Nov. 3 to Nov. 6	No Season	Deer hunt only in PART of unit, contact Kirkland Lake District Office for details; no dogs
36, 37, 38, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53A, 54, 55A, 55B, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60A, 61, 62, 63, 74B	Nov. 3 to Nov. 15	Nov. 3 to Nov. 15	
39, 41, 42	Nov. 3 to Nov. 15	No Season	
43A, 43B	Nov. 17 to Nov. 21	Nov. 17 to Nov. 21	Landowner's Permission; no dogs
44	Nov. 3 to Nov. 15	No Season	No dogs
45	Nov. 3 to Nov. 7	Nov. 3 to Nov. 7	No dogs
64A, 66A, 67, 68	Nov. 3 to Nov. 8	Nov. 3 to Nov. 8	
64B, 69B, 74A	Nov. 3 to Nov. 8	Nov. 3 to Nov. 8	Bows, shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only
65	Nov. 3 to Nov. 8	Nov. 3 to Nov. 8	Bows, shotguns, muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
71	Nov. 3 to Nov. 8	No Season	Shotguns only; no dogs
72A, 73, 75	Nov. 3 to Nov. 8	No Season	Shotguns and muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs
82A, 82B, 83A, 84	Nov. 3 to Nov. 7	Nov. 3 to Nov. 7	No dogs
82A, 82B, 83A, 84	Dec. 1 to Dec. 4	Dec. 1 to Dec. 4	Muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs

^a Bows include longbows, crossbows and compound bows

^b Muzzle-loading guns include flintlock and percussion cap muzzle-loading rifles

ARCHERY SEASONS - DEER **No Dogs**

WMU(s)	Resident - Open Season	Non-resident - Open Season	Use these WMU numbers when applying for antlerless deer validation tags
6, 7B, 9A, 9B*	Sept. 20 to Oct. 3	Sept. 20 to Oct. 3	6, 7B, 9A, 9B
5	Oct. 4 to Oct. 18	No Season	5
8	Oct. 4 to Oct. 18	Oct. 4 to Oct. 18	8
10**	Oct. 4 to Oct. 31	Oct. 4 to Oct. 31	10
13, 14, 21A	Sept. 20 to Oct. 10	No Season	13, 14, 21A
37	Oct. 18 to Nov. 2	Oct. 18 to Nov. 2	37
42	Oct. 4 to Oct. 31	Oct. 4 to Oct. 31	42
43A, 43B***	Oct. 4 to Nov. 14	Oct. 4 to Nov. 14	43A, 43B (Burpee Twp. in 43B)
45	Oct. 25 to Oct. 31 Nov. 10 to Nov. 14	Oct. 25 to Oct. 31 Nov. 10 to Nov. 14	45
47	Oct. 15 to Nov. 2 Nov. 17 to Dec. 6	Oct. 15 to Nov. 2 Nov. 17 to Dec. 6	47
46, 48, 49, 50, 53A, 56, 57, 60A	Oct. 15 to Nov. 2	Oct. 15 to Nov. 2	46, 48, 49, 50, 53A, 56, 57, 60A
55A	Oct. 15 to Nov. 2 Nov. 16 to Dec. 21	Oct. 15 to Nov. 2 Nov. 16 to Dec. 21	55A
55B	Nov. 17 to Dec. 20	Nov. 17 to Dec. 20	55B NOTE: Please contact the Pembroke District Office for possible changes to the season dates in this unit.
58, 59	Oct. 15 to Nov. 2 Nov. 16 to Nov. 30	Oct. 15 to Nov. 2 Nov. 16 to Nov. 30	58, 59
61, 62, 63, 74B	Oct. 15 to Nov. 2 Nov. 16 to Dec. 15	Oct. 15 to Nov. 2 Nov. 16 to Dec. 15	61, 62, 63, 74B
64A, 64B, 65, 66A, 67	Oct. 15 to Nov. 2 Nov. 9 to Dec. 15	Oct. 15 to Nov. 2 Nov. 9 to Dec. 15	64A, 64B, 65, 66A, 67
66B	Nov. 3 to Nov. 8	Nov. 3 to Nov. 8	66B (G.H. Ferguson Nursery in Oxford Twp.)
68, 69B, 71, 72A, 73, 74A, 75	Oct. 15 to Nov. 2 Nov. 9 to Dec. 31	Oct. 15 to Nov. 2 Nov. 9 to Dec. 31	68, 69B, 71, 72A, 73, 74A, 75
69A1, 69A3, 72B	Oct. 15 to Dec. 31	Oct. 15 to Dec. 31	69A1, 69A3, 72B
69A2	Oct. 15 to Nov. 16 Nov. 21 to Dec. 31	Oct. 15 to Nov. 16 Nov. 21 to Dec. 31	69A2
70	Controlled deer hunt validation tag now required; see Controlled Hunt Tables, pg. 19.		
76A, 76B, 76C, 76D, 76E, 77A, 77B, 77C, 81A, 81B	Oct. 15 to Nov. 2 Nov. 8 to Nov. 30 Dec. 6 to Dec. 15	No Season	76, 77, 81
78A, 78B, 90A, 90B, 91A, 91B, 92A, 92B, 92C, 92D	Oct. 15 to Nov. 2 Nov. 8 to Nov. 30 Dec. 6 to Dec. 31	No Season	78, 90, 91, 92
78C, 78D, 78E, 79B, 87A, 87E, 88, 94A	Oct. 15 to Dec. 31	No Season	78, 79, 87, 88, 94A
79A, 79C, 79D, 80A, 80B, 85A, 85B, 85C, 87B, 87C, 87D, 89A, 89B	Nov. 8 to Nov. 30 Dec. 5 to Dec. 31	No Season	79, 80, 85, 87, 89
82A, 82B, 84	Nov. 8 to Nov. 30 Dec. 5 to Dec. 31	No Season	82, 84
83A	Oct. 4 to Nov. 2 Nov. 8 to Nov. 23 Dec. 5 to Dec. 15	No Season	83A

ARCHERY SEASONS - DEER (CONT'D)

No Dogs

WMU(s)	Resident - Open Season	Non-resident - Open Season	Use these WMU numbers when applying for antlerless deer validation tags
86A, 86B	Oct. 15 to Nov. 30 Dec. 6 to Dec. 31	No Season	86
93A, 93B	Oct. 15 to Nov. 30 Dec. 5 to Dec. 31	No Season	93A, 93B
93C Special Hunt: Contact Chatham Area Office for details.	Aug. 16 to Sept. 12 Sept. 21 to Sept. 26 Oct. 11 to Nov. 2 Nov. 8 to Nov. 14 Nov. 23 to Nov. 30 Dec. 6 to Dec. 12	No Season	93C
94	Oct. 15 to Dec. 31	No Season	94

* Non-resident Guide Requirement in part of 7B and all of 9B

** Non-resident Guide Requirement

*** Landowner's Permission Requirement

ATTENTION HUNTERS

If you legally kill any animal that is carrying ear tags, a radio collar or any other marking or scientific device, please report the details as soon as possible to the local MNR office. Hunters will NOT be penalized in any way for legally harvesting such an animal. On the contrary, the information that you supply by returning the devices will contribute to the collection of valuable information on the animals being studied and is much appreciated.

Antlerless Deer Draw Deadline

To be eligible for the antlerless deer validation tag draw hunters **MUST FIRST PURCHASE A 1997 DEER LICENCE**. Hunters who intend to apply by phone must have their application entered by no later than 11:55 p.m. July 31. Hunters who are applying to the antlerless deer draw using paper applications must ensure that their application is **received at the address on the back of the application no later than 4:30 p.m. July 31**.

The responsibility for entering valid applications rests with the hunter. If you have any questions regarding telephone draw entry, brochures are available from MNR district and area offices and licence issuers.

Only successful applicants will be notified by mail. However all applicants will be able to call the new toll free Wildlife Draw Results Line at 1-800-275-6657 after September 8 to determine their draw result. These results

will not be available on the system prior to September 8, so please do not call before this date.

Controlled Deer Hunt Validation Tag Draw

Hunters interested in hunting in WMUs with controlled hunter numbers must apply to the MNR office in the area of the hunt. WMUs with controlled hunts are listed under the "Hunts with Controlled Hunters Numbers" section of the season table. The MNR offices responsible for these WMUs are listed under the "1997 Controlled Deer Hunt Draw Summary."

You can get controlled hunt application information from MNR district and area offices. When completing your application be sure to enter the sub-unit (a, b, c, or d). If you do not enter the sub-units, your application will be rejected from the draw. If you are unsure of the WMU designation, check with the MNR office in the area where you are applying.

Your application must be received by 4:30 p.m., August 31 of the current year. You cannot submit more than one application for the controlled hunt. Validation tags are issued to hunters selected by lottery.

Each hunter who receives a validation tag for deer in a controlled hunt will also receive a questionnaire about the hunt. You are required by law to complete and return the questionnaire to the MNR office shown on the questionnaire. This must be done on or before the date shown on the questionnaire. If you do not return the questionnaire, you may not be eligible for a controlled hunt validation tag the following year.

The Controlled Hunt Draw Application Form comes with a carbon copy attached. Both the original and the carbon copies must be submitted to the MNR office responsible for your first choice WMU. The maximum number of hunters per application is four.

You will be disqualified from either draw if:

- more than one application is submitted in your name
- the application is not complete
- the writing is not legible
- the application is received after the deadline
- false information is given.

Applicants for WMU 70 in the Kingston area should be aware that applying to WMU 70 is an application

for the Controlled Shotgun Hunt and applying to WMU 70B is an application for the Controlled Archery Hunt. The 70 and 70B refer to seasons, not WMU subdivisions.

Farmers and Landowners

Farmers and landowners wishing to apply for a controlled deer hunt validation tag for the WMU in which their chief occupation is farming, or where they own 20 hectares or more of land, should be sure

to submit their application not later than 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 15 to ensure that they will be issued a tag in time for the hunt.

Controlled Deer Hunt Draw Results

Hunters who applied in the controlled deer draw will be able to call the new toll free Draw Results Line at 1-800-275-6657 starting October 15, to determine their draw results.

1996 ANTLERLESS DEER VALIDATION TAG GUN DRAW RESULTS

WMU	QUOTA	APPLICATIONS		ALLOCATIONS		% CHANCE ON FIRST CHOICE
		1ST	2ND	1ST	2ND	
05	50	92	252	50	0	54%
06	45	53	319	45	0	85%
07A	25	19	121	19	6	100%
07B	850	1,176	1,101	850	0	72%
08	375	436	176	375	0	86%
09A	350	178	317	178	59	100%
09B	600	356	539	356	54	100%
10	1,750	1,992	855	1,750	0	88%
11A	450	388	283	388	31	100%
11B	50	10	93	10	1	100%
12A	25	24	70	24	1	100%
12B	300	216	390	216	32	100%
13	1,200	799	481	799	55	100%
14	150	59	62	59	9	100%
21A	75	57	94	57	12	100%
28	50	214	156	50	0	23%
36	100	729	1,317	100	0	14%
37	740	1,673	1,045	740	0	44%
38	45	34	356	34	11	100%
39	50	309	414	50	0	16%
41	50	497	504	50	0	10%
42	250	1,577	1,332	250	0	16%
43A	1,000	1,512	1,083	1,000	0	66%
43B	4,000	4,786	1,994	4,000	0	83%
44	125	230	78	125	0	54%
45	700	1,920	642	700	0	36%
46	450	1,966	1,137	450	0	23%
47	1,890	6,689	3,394	1,890	0	28%
48	425	1,416	1,712	425	0	30%
49	1,100	4,882	3,095	1,100	0	22%
50	320	1,483	1,241	320	0	21%
53A	720	2,360	1,469	720	0	30%
54	700	1,532	1,256	700	0	46%
55A	600	1,007	1,000	600	0	59%
55B	600	2,288	1,721	600	0	26%
56	300	2,372	1,764	300	0	13%
57	3,000	3,322	2,267	3,000	0	90%
58	3,600	3,913	3,247	3,600	0	92%
59	1,860	2,239	2,382	1,860	0	83%
60A	1,600	6,128	3,752	1,600	0	26%
61	1,500	4,146	3,113	1,500	0	36%
62	600	2,473	2,459	600	0	24%
63	3,800	6,746	4,376	3,800	0	56%
64A	1,500	1,904	1,754	1,500	0	79%
64B	250	594	730	250	0	42%
65	900	2,421	1,508	900	0	37%

WMU	QUOTA	APPLICATIONS		ALLOCATIONS		% CHANCE ON FIRST CHOICE
		1ST	2ND	1ST	2ND	
66A	800	1,873	1,142	800	0	42%
67	2,000	3,732	2,198	2,000	0	53%
68	300	1,357	1,276	300	0	22%
69A	1,200	555	838	555	405	100%
69B	100	262	526	100	0	38%
71	900	788	718	788	112	100%
72A	700	495	459	495	136	100%
73	2,700	2,161	1,438	2,161	401	100%
74A	400	343	540	343	57	100%
74B	700	688	529	688	12	100%
75	1,500	1,036	952	1,036	378	100%
82	4,000	4,700	2,222	4,000	0	85%
83A	750	1,664	1,280	750	0	45%
84	1,250	1,643	1,227	1,250	0	76%

1996 ANTLERLESS DEER VALIDATION TAG ARCHERY DRAW RESULTS

WMU	QUOTA	APPLICATIONS		ALLOCATIONS		% CHANCE ON FIRST CHOICE
		1ST	2ND	1ST	2ND	
66B	20	12	85	12	8	100%
72B	100	62	135	62	35	100%
76	150	515	525	150	0	29%
77	400	529	475	400	0	76%
78	1,000	909	706	909	91	100%
79	2,500	362	351	362	47	100%
80	750	635	626	635	105	100%
81	400	437	594	400	0	91%
85	1,000	621	493	621	70	100%
86	500	291	307	291	35	100%
87	1,500	1,289	790	1,289	140	100%
88	500	326	302	326	35	100%
89	1,000	1,022	851	1,000	0	98%
90	1,000	701	792	701	110	100%
91	550	548	489	548	2	100%
92	1,200	1,262	714	1,200	0	95%
93	800	702	609	702	98	100%
94	400	571	399	400	0	70%
TOTALS	70,190	111,308	82,039	63,864	2,548	

1996 CONTROLLED DEER HUNT VALIDATION TAG DRAW RESULTS

WMU	SEASON	QUOTA	APPLICATIONS		ALLOCATIONS		% CHANCE ON FIRST CHOICE
			1ST	2ND	1ST	2ND	
53B	1	100	354	79	101	0	29%
69A	1	400	652	79	400	0	61%
70	1	600	1508	164	600	0	40%
70B	2	2000	650	341	650	341	100%
76A	1	400	394	7	394	7	100%
76A	2	50	60	10	50	0	83%
76B	1	450	358	10	358	10	100%
76B	2	100	115	5	100	0	87%
76C	1	600	529	15	529	15	100%
76C	2	100	114	11	100	0	88%
76D	1	450	313	13	313	13	100%
76D	2	150	105	8	105	8	100%
76E	1	40	21	3	21	3	100%
76E	2	40	20	2	20	2	100%
77B	1	800	823	29	802	0	97%
77B	2	300	285	27	285	15	100%
77C	1	125	278	9	126	0	45%
77C	2	50	66	58	50	0	76%
78A	1	400	394	14	394	6	100%
78A	2	330	399	32	330	0	83%
78B	1	500	549	27	500	0	91%
78B	2	330	409	52	330	0	81%
79A	1	90	117	31	93	0	79%
79C	1	400	387	10	387	10	100%
79D	1	175	136	10	136	10	100%
80A	1	850	1284	89	851	0	66%
80B	2	50	106	59	52	0	49%
81A	1	550	528	15	528	15	100%
81A	2	150	140	12	140	12	100%
81B	1	800	847	14	801	0	95%
81B	2	500	476	28	476	24	100%
85A	1	650	592	23	592	23	100%
85B	1	950	985	35	950	0	96%
85C	1	625	545	13	545	13	100%
86A	1	325	341	56	326	0	96%
86B	1	250	275	4	253	0	92%
87B	1	260	372	30	260	0	70%
87C	1	250	286	88	250	0	87%
87D	1	500	627	56	500	0	80%
89A	1	800	1081	170	800	0	74%
89B	1	700	1114	262	701	0	63%
90A	1	400	537	130	400	0	74%
90A	2	450	677	180	450	0	66%
90B	1	1200	925	23	925	23	100%
90B	2	1000	983	67	983	19	100%
91A	1	300	383	35	303	0	79%
91A	2	325	370	66	325	0	88%
91B	1	325	386	52	325	0	84%
91B	2	400	474	71	401	0	85%
92A	1	150	116	7	116	7	100%
92A	2	225	192	14	192	14	100%
92B	1	325	390	22	325	0	83%
92B	2	350	402	48	350	0	87%
92C	1	200	189	8	189	8	100%
92C	2	200	172	5	172	5	100%
92D	1	350	353	0	353	0	100%
92D	2	300	276	8	276	8	100%
93A	1	225	781	170	226	0	29%
93B	1	75	223	134	78	0	35%
TOTALS		23990	26464	3040	21588	611	82%

1994 DEER HUNT SUMMARY

WMU	ALL HUNTERS	HARVEST	SUCCESS RATE
05	150	35	23.33
06	202	77	38.12
07A	66	3	4.55
07B	1542	673	43.64
08	544	219	40.26
09A	264	97	36.74
09B	494	230	46.56
10	2211	1163	52.60
11A	637	189	29.67
12B	263	35	13.31
13	1167	385	32.99
28	188	0	0.00
36	828	175	21.14
37	2097	562	26.80
39	226	0	0.00
41	753	35	4.65
42	1430	70	4.90
43A	2018	912	45.19
43B	5394	2775	51.45
44	263	210	79.85
45	1604	782	48.75
46	1771	279	15.75
47	8102	1407	17.37
48	1998	314	15.72
49	6450	1118	17.33
50	1959	315	16.08
53A	3238	562	17.36
53B	188	35	18.62
54	2449	420	17.15
55A	1399	278	19.87
55B	3037	528	17.39
56	3252	531	16.33
57	4268	1157	27.11
58	5055	1691	33.45
59	2705	1059	39.15
60A	9501	2523	26.56
61	5014	1680	33.51
62	3523	784	22.25
63	9080	3587	39.50
64A	2308	982	42.55
64B	431	77	17.87
65	2080	251	12.07
66A	2380	734	30.84
67	4789	2352	49.11
68	1768	385	21.78
69A	835	286	34.25
69B	157	73	46.50
70	1580	699	44.24
71	1204	383	31.81
72A	978	384	39.26
72B	38	0	0.00
73	1806	524	29.01
74A	263	35	13.31
74B	755	283	37.48
75	1505	455	30.23
76	2596	454	17.49
77	1392	454	32.61
78	1806	734	40.64
79	828	210	25.36
80	1580	629	39.81
81	1655	455	27.49
82	4856	1818	37.44
83	2903	419	14.43
84	2229	947	42.49
85	2145	1014	47.27
86	941	349	37.09
87	2671	734	27.48
88	263	70	26.62
89	2935	699	23.82
90	3536	1258	35.58
91	1204	489	40.61
92	3085	1294	41.94
93	1919	489	25.48
94	790	210	26.58
TOTALS	157541	47533	30.17

HATS FOR HIDES: CONSERVATION THROUGH COOPERATION

MNR is no longer directly involved with hide collection. We are facilitating the efforts of Aboriginal peoples involved in administering and coordinating the collection program. Hunter participation in this program ensures the whole use of harvested animals and benefits Aboriginal people. Details concerning locations, dates and times that any local hide collection centres will be operating are available, in the fall, from the Union of Ontario Indians office (1-705-497-9127) or from MNR district or area offices. **Look for the bright orange Hats for Hides depot signs.**

You will receive a specially designed gift recognizing a successful hunt in return for a suitably prepared bear, deer or moose hide when delivered to a designated collection centre.

Treat the hide carefully. Avoid making any cuts or nicks in the hide when skinning. Remove as much flesh as possible. Decay can begin almost immediately so if you can't get the hide to a collection depot immediately, preserve the hide by rubbing coarse salt (1 kg [2 lb.] for deer and 2 kg [4 lb.] for moose) into the flesh side of the hide. Only freeze hides that will be home tanned. When transporting the hide, use a cardboard box or burlap bag. **Do not put the hide in plastic.** Even when salted, the hide will decay if no air reaches it. Spoiled hides will not be accepted.

YOUR CO-OPERATION IS APPRECIATED!

CONSERVATION IS A WAY OF LIFE!

OVER 30,000 HIDES SAVED IN 1996!



THE EASTERN HABITAT JOINT VENTURE The Ontario Partnership

In May 1986, Canada signed the North American Waterfowl Management Plan with the United States. That began one of the most successful conservation partnerships of this century. Ontario joined the effort in 1989 and by the time Mexico joined in 1993, major strides in protecting wetlands and restoring waterfowl populations to their 1970's levels were already underway.

The direct funding partners in Ontario are Ducks Unlimited Canada, Wildlife Habitat Canada, The Nature Conservancy of Canada, Environment Canada, Agriculture Canada and the Ministries of Natural Resources and Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. Through the licenses and permits that they purchase, hunters are important contributors to this joint initiative.

These agencies established a set of objectives to protect, enhance and manage wetland habitats and adjacent uplands and have been successful in attracting over \$15,000,000 from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Ducks Unlimited Inc. and several states. Along with \$34,000,000 from Canadian sources, the EHJV in Ontario has secured over 300,000 acres of wetlands, influenced over 3,380,000 acres of adjacent lands and enhanced almost 176,000 acres.

So, after a decade of work, the achievements of this broad-scale action plan are becoming apparent and "the skies are alive again" to the delight of waterfowlers and naturalists alike.

SMALL MAMMAL SEASONS AND OTHER REGULATIONS

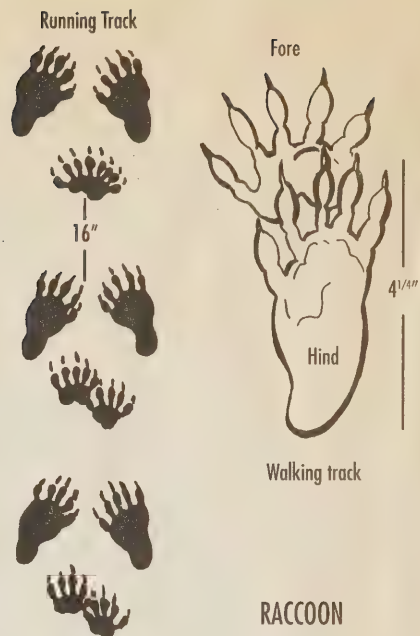
Furbearing Animals

Badger, beaver, bobcat, fisher, lynx, marten, mink, muskrat, opossum, otter, red squirrel and wolverine are furbearing animals that may be taken **only** under a licence to trap. If you are interested in trapping and fur dealing, call your local MNR office for more information.

You may hunt furbearing animals other than those listed above under the authority of your small game licence (see table: Furbearing Animals).

The pelts of all furbearing animals with the exception of muskrat must be stamped (sealed) by an Officer before they are exported or tanned. Royalty is payable on all furbearers before the pelts are sent to be tanned or treated; including taxidermied or exported from Ontario. (See also Export and Shipping, page 9.)

Only if you are a resident you may hunt for raccoon at night. You must be accompanied by a dog licensed for raccoon hunting. You must also have a resident's licence to hunt raccoon at night.



FURBEARING ANIMALS

Open Seasons

Species	Area	Open Season
Wolf, Coyote	Any part of Ontario except the townships of Hagarty, Richards and Burns in the County of Renfrew	Oct. 1 to last day of Sept. of the new year
Wolf, Coyote	In the townships of Hagarty, Richards and Burns in the County of Renfrew	Oct. 1 to Dec. 14 Apr. 1 to Sept. 30
Raccoon	All of Ontario lying north of a line running westerly from Arnprior along Highways no. 17, 132, 41, 500, 28, 121, 503 and 169 to the centre line of the Severn River, then west along that centre line to the waters of Georgian Bay.	Oct. 15 to Dec. 31
Raccoon	Remainder of Ontario south of the above line noted.	Oct. 15 to Jan. 15
Red Fox	All of Ontario north of French and Mattawa rivers	Oct. 25 to last day of Feb. of the next year
	Remainder of Ontario	All year
Arctic Fox	All Ontario	Oct. 25 to Mar. 31
Grey Fox	All Ontario	Oct. 24 to last day of Feb. of the next year
Skunk	All Ontario	All year
Weasel	All Ontario	Oct. 24 to last day of Feb. of the next year

WORK PERMITS

The Public Lands Act states that you must have a work permit before you construct a new building, create trails, and do other modifications on Crown land. Crown land includes the bottom of most water bodies. Contact your local district office before you do work on Crown lands. They will advise you if you require a work permit. In addition, hunters are reminded that it is an offense under the Public Lands Act to leave any material, substance or thing on Crown land.

HUNTING AND PHYSICAL FITNESS

Be wise and have a complete medical and eye examination before the hunting season. Get in shape! Know your limitations and don't overexert yourself. Have a safe and healthy hunt.

RABBITS AND HARES

Cottontail Rabbit, European Hare, Varying (Snowshoe) Hare

TOWNSHIP LICENCES - A township licence is required in addition to a provincial licence for hunting rabbits in a regulated township (see maps). Contact the municipal clerk for issuance of township licences and information on firearm restrictions.

NON-RESIDENTS NOTE: A non-resident's small game licence is not valid for hunting rabbits in the counties of Kent, Lambton or Essex, except in the Township of Pelee.

Seasons

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit
1-50, 53-59	Sept. 1 to June 15	1) Cottontail Rabbit: - limit of 6 2) European Hare - limit of 6 3) Varying Hare: - for WMUs 1-50 and 53-59 - no limit; - WMUs 60-95 - 6 maximum
61-67, 69B	Sept. 20 to Mar. 31	
60A, 68, 69A, 70, 71, 74, 75	Sept. 25 to Mar. 31	
72, 73, 76, 77, 81-86	Sept. 25 to Feb. 28	
78-80, 87, 90, 91, 92	Oct. 15 to Feb. 28	
88, 89	Oct. 22 to Feb. 28	
93, 94	Oct. 29 to Feb. 28	
95	Jan. 1 to Feb. 28	

SQUIRREL

(Black, grey, fox)

Seasons

WMU(s)	Open Season	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
36-41, 45	Sept. 15 to Dec. 15	10	10
42-44, 46-50, 53-59, 61-67, 69B	Sept. 20 to Dec. 15	10	10
60A, 68, 69A, 70-92	Sept. 25 to Dec. 15	5	10
93, 94	Oct. 29 to Nov. 7	5	10

THE WETLAND HABITAT FUND

Wildlife Habitat Canada and the Ministry of Natural Resources are creating a fund to assist private landowners to improve the ecological integrity of wetland habitats for the wildlife that inhabit them. The fund will promote ecologically sound landscape uses that meet the needs of both wetland-dependent wildlife and people, improve the quality of existing wetland habitat, encourage grass roots involvement by landowners in wetland enhancement activities and improve landscape biodiversity.

Some of the funding for this endeavor comes from hunting licenses and the Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp. It also includes money from the United States through the North American Waterfowl Management Plan and the Eastern Habitat Joint Venture.

The fund requires the commitment of a landowner to protect a wetland habitat for a period of ten years and provides funding for 50 percent of the costs of restoration to a maximum of \$5,000. Interested landowners should contact the Wetland Habitat Fund Program Manager through the Cambridge District office of the MNR at (519) 658-9355.

AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES

Snakes

Ten species of snakes (black rat snake, blue racer, eastern hog-nose snake, eastern fox snake, Lake Erie and northern water snakes, queen snake, timber rattlesnake, Butler's garter snake and eastern massasauga) are protected from being hunted or possessed under the Game and Fish Act. One species of lizard (five-lined skink) is also protected. See also Endangered Species, page 8.

Frogs and Turtles

You may take snapping turtles and bullfrogs if you have an Outdoors Card with the appropriate fishing validation tag attached, or if you are a non-resident, you

must have a non-resident sport fishing licence with an appropriate fishing validation tag that has not expired.

The Game and Fish Act protects turtles (except the box turtle) found naturally in the wild. Fowler's toad, Blanchard's cricket frog and the northern dusty salamanders are also protected.

You may not take more than two snapping turtles a day, nor may you possess more than five snapping turtles. No commercial harvest of snapping turtles is permitted. You may only take snapping turtles by box or funnel traps or by your bare hands.

You may take bullfrogs from July 21 to October 15. You may not take more than 10 bullfrogs in one day nor possess more than 10. Bullfrogs may **not** be taken in the Regional Municipality of

Ottawa-Carleton, the Counties of Prescott and Russell, Stormont Dundas and Glengarry, Leeds and Grenville, Lanark, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, Prince Edward, Northumberland, Peterborough and Victoria or in the townships in the County of Hastings south of and including the townships of Marmora and Lake, Tudor and Cashel, and Elgevir and Grimsthorpe. No firearm other than a longbow or crossbow may be used to take bullfrogs. Contact a MNR office for further information and see the fishing summary for additional information.

For more information on commercial harvest of bullfrogs, contact MNR offices.

It is illegal to harvest bullfrogs in provincial parks

OPEN SEASON FOR SNAPPING TURTLES

WMU(s)	Residents	Non-Residents
2-45	All year	All year
61, 62	All year	July 15 - Sept. 15
46-50, 53-60, 63-95	July 15 - Sept. 15	July 15 - Sept. 15

HUNTING HERITAGE/HUNTING FUTURES

Our Hunting Heritage and its Cultural Future

We have been hunters for the majority of our time on earth. Today, when most of our food is provided by others, hunting helps re-affirm the traditional connections between man and the natural world. Hunters do not simply observe nature, but participate first hand in the age-old cycle of nature's renewal and harvest. The working definition of hunting that Hunting Heritage/Hunting Futures endorses, concentrates on cultural rather than legal aspects, as is found in the Game and Fish Act.

"Hunting is the lawful and responsible pursuit of wildlife, which includes the potential to harvest those animals, for their use as food, clothing and for traditional or cultural purposes."

Hunting requires knowledge, skill, and above all, demands respect and appreciation for wildlife. True hunting only happens if the prey has a chance and a means to escape the hunter. A successful hunt is measured by the total experience.

Responsible hunters are aware of the ethical issues that surround their activities. They are also aware of the rich cultural history of hunting as well as the management history that began in 1792 with the first conservation laws. They are aware of the significant contributions that have been made to lead and fund wildlife conservation programs and they are aware that the future of their culture is brought into question whenever their conduct is not exemplary. These and many more reasons are behind the "Hunting Heritage/Hunting Futures" concept, supported by both Ontario's hunting associations and those hunters who choose not to belong to an association.

Simply put, the vision that emerged from the first provincial Hunting Heritage / Hunting Futures Conference in 1995, is that "hunting, when founded on principles of sustainable use and responsible behaviour, is a heritage activity which will continue to yield cultural and subsistence benefits". And the mission that they have undertaken, on behalf of all hunters in the province is the conservation and sustainability of wildlife and the preservation of Ontario's hunting heritage.

If you are concerned about the future of hunting, you may wish to contact them at Box 5083, Huntsville, Ontario P1H 2K5.

MOOSE SEASONS AND OTHER REGULATIONS

Definitions

A calf moose is a moose that is less than one year old at the time of the hunt.

A bull moose is a male moose that is at least one year old at the time of the hunt.

A cow moose is a female moose that is at least one year old at the time of the hunt.

NOTE: You may not hunt moose while they are swimming.

Licence and Validation Tags

Resident Hunters

A resident's licence to hunt moose is valid for hunting only calf moose in any Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) that has an open season. You need moose validation tags to hunt adult bull

or adult cow moose; these tags are issued to hunters selected by lottery. You must buy a moose licence tag before you can enter the moose validation tag draw.

Validation tags state the sex of the adult animal, the WMU from which the animal may be taken and the conditions under which it may be taken. If you are going to be a guest of a tourist outfitter at the time of the hunt, you may be able to get a moose validation tag through the outfitter. This tag is valid only while you are registered and actually accommodated at the tourist establishment or at a camp operated by the outfitter.

You cannot have more than one tag at the time of the hunt.

Non-resident Hunters

A non-resident must be a registered guest and actually accommodated at the tourist establishment or at a camp operated by the outfitter. The outfitter must have

applied and received on the non-residents behalf a validation tag to hunt moose. Exceptions are:

1. non-residents who hunt with an immediate relative (grandparent, father, mother, spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister or grandchild) who is an Ontario resident licensed to hunt moose,
or
2. non-residents who are property owners in a WMU that has an open moose season for non-residents.

Persons who qualify under these two exemptions may apply to the resident tag draw.

If you are a non-resident and a registered guest of a licensed tourist outfitter, you must have a moose validation tag in order to purchase a moose licence.

A non-resident's licence to hunt moose is not valid unless it has a bull, cow or calf validation tag attached to it.

MOOSE SEASONS

WMU(s)	Resident Open Season	Non-Resident Open Season
Rifles, Shotguns, Bows & Muzzle-loaders		
1A, 1C, 1D, 16A, 16B, 16C, 17, 18B, 25	Sept. 20 to Dec. 15	Sept. 22 to Nov. 15
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9A, 12A, 15A, 15B, 18A, 19, 21A, 21B	Oct. 11 to Dec. 15	Oct. 13 to Nov. 15
7B, 9B, 11A, 11B, 12B, 13, 14	Oct. 11 to Dec. 15	No Season
11B	Sept. 20 to Oct. 10 Special hunt for persons who are permanently incapable of walking.	No Season
22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42	Oct. 11 to Nov. 15	Oct. 13 to Nov. 15
26	Sept. 20 to Oct. 31	Sept. 22 to Oct. 31
46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 53, 54, 55A, 55B, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60A, 61, 62, 63	Oct. 20 to Oct. 25	No Season

Bows and Muzzle-loaders

7A	Oct. 11 to Dec. 15	Oct. 13 to Nov. 15
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Bows Only

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9A, 12A, 15A, 15B, 18A, 19, 21A, 21B, 23, 24, 29, 38	Sept. 20 to Oct. 10	Sept. 20 to Oct. 10
7B, 9B, 11A, 12B, 13, 14	Sept. 20 to Oct. 10	No Season

Bow-hunting for Moose

If you wish to hunt moose with a bow during a special bow season, you may apply for bull or cow validation tags in the draw. These validation tags are only for the special bow season; they become invalid on the closing day of the bow season. If you have not killed a moose during the special bow season, you may still hunt using any legally allowed firearm during the regular gun hunt. However, your licence will be valid for calves only, unless you are hunting with a party that has valid bull or cow tags.

Hunters wishing to hunt adult moose during the special bow season must have an adult validation tag issued for the special bow season. They may, however, hunt for calves with a bow during the special bow season provided they comply with all other legal requirements for bow hunting.

Party Hunting for Moose

(see Glossary, page 45)

Party hunting for moose is allowed. The number of bull, cow and calf moose taken must not be more than the number of bull and cow validation tags and valid moose licences held by members of the party. Any member of the party may take the animal. The total number of moose taken by the party may not exceed the number of game seals held by party members.

Sealing and Transporting Moose

After a bull, cow or calf moose is taken, the party member whose licence is validated for taking the bull, cow or calf moose must immediately attach his or her game seal to the animal.

For a bull or cow moose: Attach the game seal to the tendon of one of the hind legs to which the scrotal sac or vulva (as shown on the seal) is attached by the connective tissue. The seal must remain affixed to the animal while you are transporting it (see page below).

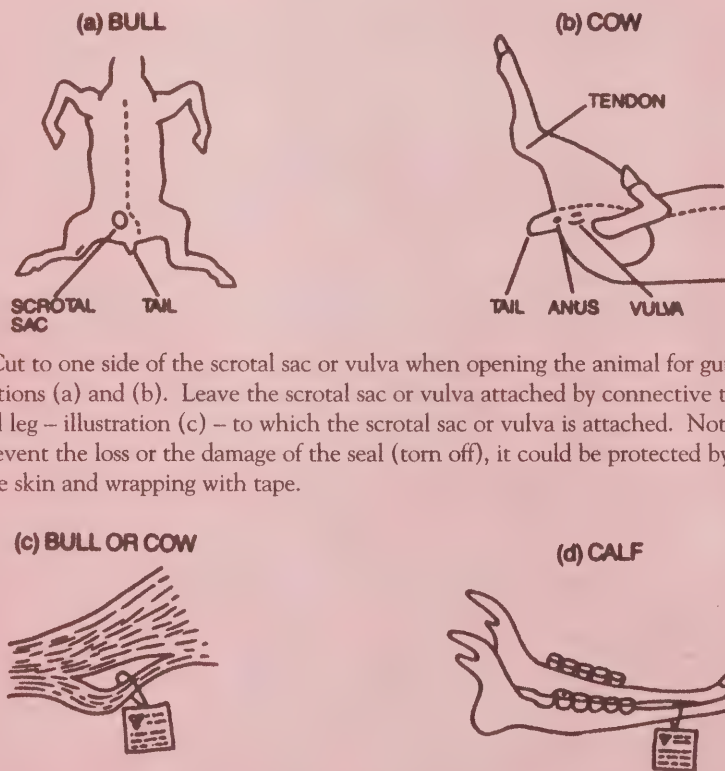
For a calf moose: Attach the game seal to the complete lower jaw. You may remove the complete lower jaw from the head.

If you are transporting part of a moose, be prepared to state the name of the hunter who sealed the animal, the hunting licence and validation tag number under which the animal was claimed and the WMU in which it was taken, if requested to do so by an Officer.



TAGGING MOOSE

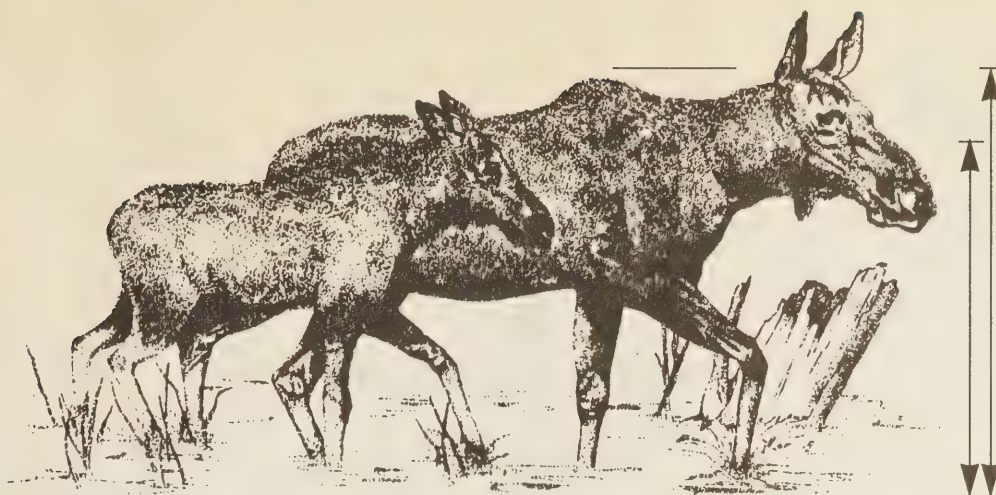
As part of the Selective Harvest Program, validation tags are issued for a specific age and sex of moose. You must have evidence of the age and sex of any moose that you kill.



For bull or cow moose: Cut to one side of the scrotal sac or vulva when opening the animal for gutting – as shown above with the dotted line in illustrations (a) and (b). Leave the scrotal sac or vulva attached by connective tissue. Then attach the seal to the tendon of the hind leg – illustration (c) – to which the scrotal sac or vulva is attached. Note the location of the tendon in illustration (b). To prevent the loss or the damage of the seal (torn off), it could be protected by making a slice in the hide, tucking the seal under the skin and wrapping with tape.

For calves: Attach the seal to the lower jaw – illustration (d). The lower jaw must be kept whole (i.e., the two sides must not be separated). You do not need to provide any proof of sex of calves. The lower jaw may be removed from the head as long as it is kept whole.

HOW TO TELL A COW FROM A CALF



Short face

Calf moose appear to have a small nose and a "short face."

Seldom alone

Calf moose are seldom alone

Body proportions

Calf moose appear to have more leg than body and their hindquarters appear slender

Shoulder Height

Shoulder height of cow moose is six feet (2 m) and of calf moose is four feet (1.3 m)

THE ADULT MOOSE VALIDATION TAG DRAW

MNR Draw Results Line

Moose hunters will no longer be mailed unsuccessful notices after the draw. Instead a Draw Results Line will carry the results of all big game draws.

Each year, after the draw has been run, moose hunters will be able to determine their draw status, pool status, and whether or not a group member received a tag through the draw by simply dialing 1-800-275-6657 and entering their Outdoors Card number. This line will be in operation from August 1 to December 31 every year.

1997 Adult Moose Validation Tag Draw Deadline

1997 Adult Moose Validation Tag Draw applications, are attached to 1997 Moose Licences. Group Application Envelopes and Outdoors Card Application forms are now available at hunting licence issuers and MNR District and Area offices.

In order to be eligible for the draw, applications, whether submitted individually or in a Group Application Envelope, must reach the post office box indicated

on the back of the application before 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 15, 1997.

Whether applications are delivered by courier, registered mail or through the regular or government mail, please allow at least five working days for its delivery. All late applications are rejected from the draw without exception.

Applying To The Draw

Resident Hunters

Resident hunters must have a valid hunting version of the Outdoors Card before buying a licence tag. The licence tag is a sticker that is attached to the back of the card. The licence tag comes with a game seal and a draw application.

If you do not have a valid Outdoors Card, application forms are available at hunting licence issuers and MNR District and Area offices. Please allow at least four weeks for delivery from the time of receipt of your application. If you need a card sooner than this MNR District and Area offices have temporary Outdoors Cards available so that you may enter the draw before the deadline.

Non-Resident Hunters

Provided they have valid hunting accreditation non-resident hunters may hunt

moose if they are registered and accommodated by a tourist outfitter. Non-residents hunting with an immediate relative, who is a resident of Ontario and an accredited hunter, and those who own land in the WMU where they wish to hunt, can apply to the resident tag draw in certain areas.

You will be disqualified from the draw if:

1. More than one application is submitted in your name.
2. Your application is not complete.
3. Your writing is not legible.
4. Your application is received after the deadline.
5. Your application contains false information.

You are solely responsible for ensuring that your application is valid.

CADMIUM

Ministry of Natural Resources is still continuing to recommend that people not eat the liver and the kidneys of moose and deer because of the concerns about cadmium. For further information, please contact your local MNR office.

What Pool Are You In?

Applicants who applied unsuccessfully to the draw in the previous year (1996) are placed in Pool 1 (also called the Preference Pool). All other applicants, including those who received a tag through a transfer in the previous year, are placed in Pool 2. In the majority of WMUs you must be in Pool 1 to have a chance of receiving a tag.

How Large Should Our Group Be?

Table 1 which shows the Pool 1 group size which was required to receive a tag in each WMU for the 1996 hunt ALSO shows the 1997 BEST BET FOR A GROUP TAG.

The best way of maximizing your group's chance in the draw is by referring to the "BEST BET" figure on Table 1 for the WMU and Sex of animal you are applying for and apply with a group of Pool 1 hunters that is as close as possible to the "BEST BET".

The "BEST BET" is calculated by adding together all the Choice 1 applicants from the previous year's draw then subtracting last year's tag quota from the result and dividing that by the current tag allocation. Meeting this group size does not guarantee your group a tag, however, it does ensure that you have the best possible chance of meeting this year's Hunter: Tag Ratio. Remember that no one knows what the ratio of tags to applicants will be until all applications have been received for this year's draw.

Tag Transfers

The tag held by a member of a group which applied to the draw using a group application envelope, is transferable only once, within the original group, prior to the season opening, provided:

The current tag holder is prevented from ANY participation in the hunt DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WERE NOT PRE-DICTABLE AT THE TIME OF APPLYING.

Transfer requests which do not meet the above criteria will be rejected. Transfer requests will be rejected if there is evidence of abuse of the system.

After the season opens, a tag can only be transferred if the tag holder is medically unfit to hunt (as proven by a doctor's certificate).

A request for a transfer must be accompanied by the applicant's game seal, validation tag, and a completed transfer application form.

Hunters who receive tags through a transfer will be placed in Pool 2 in the following year. Hunters who have transferred tags to a group member will be placed in Pool 1 in the following year's draw.

Why Apply In Groups?

There are several advantages to applying to the draw using the Group Application Envelope:

- Only one group member will ever be successful in the draw. This will maximize the number Pool hunters in your group in the following year.
- Applying in a group will ensure that applicants in the group have more chances of obtaining a hunting opportunity. Please remember there is never a guarantee that hunters who apply in groups will be successful.
- The more hunters there are who apply in groups the better the distribution of tags among parties of hunters will be, and this will, in turn increase everyone's chances in the draw.

How the draw works

Each of the 67 WMUs has a bull and cow gun quota. Some WMUs have cow and bull archery quotas as well. The application allows you to select choices of WMU, type of tag (bull or cow) and season preference (gun or bow).

The computer allocates tags to both groups and individuals in the following sequence.

1. Pool 1, Choice 1 (P1C1)
2. Pool 1, Choice 2 (P1C2)
3. Pool 2, Choice 1 (P2C1)
4. Pool 2, Choice 2 (P2C2)

At the beginning of each of these four steps the computer calculates the ratio of applicants in the step of the draw and compares that to the number of tags. This is called the Hunter: Tag Ratio. This number is not known until the draw is run since the number of applicants in each WMU changes from year to year (the figures in Table 1 are last year's figures and are meant to be a guide only). All groups with a number of Pool 1 applicants equal to or greater than this year's Hunter: Tag Ratio will be issued one tag and removed from the draw. This first stage of the draw is called the Large Group Allocation.

The second stage is the Random Allocation. At this step of the draw, all remaining Pool 1 applicants who have that WMU and sex of animal as their first choice are given a random change to receive one of the remaining tags regardless of whether they applied individually or in a group smaller than the Hunter: Tag ratio. If there are more tags than applicants, a tag is allocated to each applicant or group remaining in that step of the draw (P1C1). If there are tags remaining after this step then the two draw stages are repeated for all applicants who are in Pool 1 with that WMU and sex of animal as their second choice. If there are still tags remaining in the quota, then the process is continued for Pool 2 Choice 1 applicants, and so on. In crowded WMUs only hunters in Pool 1 Choice 1 will have a chance to receive a tag.

The more hunters apply in groups the more evenly the tags will be spread out among hunting parties. WMUs with higher than average group applications have significantly increased draw odds for all applicants.

Moose Hunter Education

MNR and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) have produced two manuals: Book 1 - Moose Biology, Ecology and Management and Book 2 - Moose Hunting Techniques, Hunting Ethics and the Law. These books are for advanced moose hunter education Courses.

Each two volume set is available for \$10.65, tax included. To cover ship-

ping charges, please include \$2.50 if ordering less than 10 sets of books; \$5.00 for 10 to 49 sets; and \$10.00 for 50 or more sets. To order using a credit card, please call (416) 314-2000 or send a cheque payable to:

Ontario Minister of Finance
Ministry of Natural Resources
300 Water Street, P.O. Box 7000
Peterborough, Ontario
K9J 8M5

A 90 Minute video on moose hunting has been produced for moose hunters. Moose Hunt - A Guide To Success covers such topics as equipment, tracking, calling, and field dressing. It may be purchased for \$59.95 including taxes and shipping. To order using a credit card please call (705) 748-6324 or send a cheque payable to:

Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
P.O. Box 2800
Peterborough, Ontario
K9J 6Y5

CWIP

Under MNR's Community Wildlife Involvement Program (CWIP), Ontario hunters have tackled hundreds of wildlife management projects. You can contribute to wildlife conservation by getting involved. Encourage children to get involved in conservation activities; help develop a sense of stewardship in our young people.


Think of the future. Get involved with CWIP.

For more information and project application, contact your local MNR office.

Completing the Group Application Form

Clearly write in your group's first and second choice of Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) and the type of tag. Check the season table in the Fact Sheet for valid WMU's. Only check the "special bow season preference" box if you want an "archery only" tag. Double check your entries. Invalid entries are rejected. The choices on the envelope override any choices on applications within the envelope.

This is your group number. Write this number in the box provided on each group member's application prior to sealing the envelope. **You should keep a record of your group number.**

 Ministry of Natural Resources Ministère des Richesses naturelles		Moose Validation Tag Group Application Vignette de validation pour la chasse à l'original Demande de Groupe		Group Application No. * N° de demande de groupe <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">3 1 2 3 4 5 6</div>	
The Moose Validation Tag Applications which are contained in this envelope and whose serial numbers are listed below are being submitted as a group for the Wildlife Management Unit and sex indicated below: Les demandes de vignette de validation pour la chasse à l'original contenues dans cette enveloppe et portant les numéros de série indiqués ci-dessous sont soumises en groupe pour l'unité de gestion de la faune et le sexe suivant :					
1st choice 1 ^{er} choix <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> <input type="checkbox"/> WMU <input type="checkbox"/> UGF </div>	2nd choice 2 ^e choix <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> <input type="checkbox"/> WMU <input type="checkbox"/> UGF </div>	Application serial no. N° de série 1.	Application serial no. N° de série 2.	Application serial no. N° de série 3.	Application serial no. N° de série 4.
<input type="checkbox"/> Bull Mâle	<input type="checkbox"/> Bull Mâle	Application serial no. N° de série 5.	Application serial no. N° de série 6.	Application serial no. N° de série 7.	Application serial no. N° de série 8.
<input type="checkbox"/> Cow Femelle	<input type="checkbox"/> Cow Femelle	Application serial no. N° de série 9.	Application serial no. N° de série 10.	Total applications contained in this envelope Nombre totale de demandes contenues dans cette enveloppe <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div>	
* Please make sure that the Group Application No. is recorded in the space provided on each individual application. Veuillez vous assurer que le numéro de demande de groupe est bien inscrit dans l'espace réservé à cet effet sur chaque formulaire de demande individuelle.					

Write the serial (licence) numbers of each of the applications contained inside the envelope in the boxes provided (maximum number of applications: ten).

How many applications have you placed in the envelope? Write the number here.

Group Size Required for a Large Group Allocation in the Last Year's Draw

This table presents the number of Pool 1 applicants a group required to receive a tag during the Large Group Allocation stage of the draw in 1996. WMUs marked with a double asterisk (**) will not likely have a large group allocation in 1997 because the ratio of applicants to tags is anticipated to be greater than 10 to 1, the current maximum group size allowed.

BEST BETS: Meeting this group size does NOT guarantee your group a tag, however, it does ensure that you have the best possible chance of meeting this year's Hunter: Tag Ratio. For more information on "BEST BETS," please see page 32 "How Large Should Our Group Be?"

Note: Only applicants who applied unsuccessfully to the draw last year are placed in Pool 1 this year. Only Pool 1 applicants are considered when determining the group size during the first step of the draw. A group application with four Pool 1 hunters and two Pool 2 hunters is considered to be a group of four hunters when the large group allocation takes place.

1996 Group Size Required, and 1997 Best Bet for a Gun Tag

TABLE 1

WMU	1996 ACTUAL GUN BULL	1997 BULL BEST BET	1996 ACTUAL GUN COW	1997 COW BEST BET	WMU	1996 ACTUAL GUN BULL	1997 BULL BEST BET	1996 ACTUAL GUN COW	1997 COW BEST BET
1A	1	1	1	1	26	7	**	6	**
1C	1	1	1	1	27	5	6	7	**
1D	1	1	1	1	28	6	7	7	7
2	1	1	1	3	29	7	9	6	8
3	2	2	3	5	30	8	9	6	5
4	2	2	3	5	31	11	**	12	**
5	3	4	4	6	32	9	**	7	6
6	2	2	2	3	33	7	8	10	**
7A	1	1	1	3	34	8	**	12	**
7B	2	2	3	7	35	12	**	7	**
8	2	3	2	3	36	6	9	10	8
9A	3	4	2	6	37	12	**	10	**
9B	3	3	2	5	38	5	**	5	**
11A	1	3	2	**	39	7	10	5	6
11B	3	3	3	4	40	10	**	6	8
12A	2	4	4	10	41	8	**	5	5
12B	2	3	4	7	42	17	**	9	**
13	1	1	3	6	46	7	8	10	**
14	1	2	5	10	47	6	10	6	**
15A	4	5	5	7	48	8	9	12	**
15B	1	1	3	5	49	8	**	10	**
16A	1	1	1	2	50	4	7	8	**
16B	3	3	2	4	53	8	**	9	**
16C	1	1	1	3	54	2	2	7	8
17	1	1	1	1	55A	10	**	13	**
18A	2	3	9	**	55B	9	**	12	**
18B	1	2	2	3	56	6	7	9	**
19	5	6	7	**	57	6	7	8	**
21A	2	2	6	**	58	3	6	3	5
21B	3	4	6	10	60	12	**	13	**
22	7	8	5	7	61	2	5	3	**
23	7	9	6	7	62	1	4	1	—
24	9	**	8	9	63	6	8	6	**
25	2	3	1	1					

1996 Group Size Required, and 1997 Best Bet for an Archery Tag

WMU	1996 ACTUAL ARCHERY BULL	1997 BULL BEST BET	1996 ACTUAL ARCHERY COW	1997 COW BEST BET	WMU	1996 ACTUAL ARCHERY BULL	1997 BULL BEST BET	1996 ACTUAL ARCHERY COW	1997 COW BEST BET
2	1	1	1	—	13	2	2	1	1
3	1	2	1	1	14	1	1	1	1
4	1	1	1	1	15A	1	1	1	1
5	1	1	1	1	15B	1	1	1	1
6	1	1	1	1	18A	1	1	1	1
7B	1	2	1	1	19	1	1	1	1
8	1	1	1	1	21A	1	2	1	2
9A	1	1	1	1	21B	2	2	1	2
9B	1	1	1	1	23	3	7	1	1
11A	1	1	1	1	24	2	3	1	2
12A	1	1	1	1	29	4	4	1	1
12B	2	1	2	1	38	4	**	2	3

Special Moose Hunt for Hunters with Lower Limb Disabilities

For the sixth year a special season for hunters who are permanently incapable of walking will be held before the regular gun hunt in WMU 11B. A limited number of opportunities are available for 1997.

The first openings in the hunt will go to hunters who are permanently incapable of walking and hold an adult moose validation tag for WMU 11B. Remaining opportunities will be available to hunters who are permanently incapable of walking and are interested in hunting calves.

For more information regarding this special hunt, please contact the MNR's Thunder Bay District Office, 435 James Street South, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7E 6E3, Telephone (807) 475-1462.



FOREST FIRES

To report a forest fire in Ontario, you may call toll free and your call will be directed to the Ministry of Natural Resources Regional Fire Response Centre, within the area code you are calling from.

In the 705 telephone area code (north of the French/Mattawa River System) call 1-888-863-FIRE.

In the 807 telephone area code (northwestern Ontario) call 1-888-284-FIRE.

**1996 ADULT MOOSE VALIDATION TAG DRAW
PROVINCIAL SUMMARY**

GENERAL DRAW STATISTICS

Total tags available	23,236
Total applicants entered in the draw	103,731
Total successful applicants (tags issued)	20,619
Total unsuccessful applicants	83,112
Total surplus tags	2,617

GROUP STATISTICS

Total number of hunter groups (2 or more hunters).....	8,806
Average group size	4.4
Percentage of hunters applying in groups	37.1
Total numbers of hunters in groups	38,500
Total number of successful groups	5,429
Total number of successful hunters in groups	26,107

Successful groups	Gun Bull	3,669
	Gun Cow	1,615
	Archery Bull	116
	Archery Cow	29

Total tags issued to groups

5,429

Percentage of groups receiving tags

61.6%

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Total number of hunters applying as individuals

65,231

Successful Individuals	Gun Bull	10,311
	Gun Cow	3,665
	Archery Bull	654
	Archery Cow	373

Total tags issued to individuals

15,190

Percentage of individuals receiving tags.

23%

**1996 MOOSE DRAW
STATISTICS -GUN BULL & COW APPLICANTS**

									APPLICANTS WITH ACCESS TO A TAG IN ALL POOLS AND CHOICES					
WMU	QUOTA		# OF P1C1 APPLICANTS		P1C1 HUNTER: TAG RATIO		# OF POOL 1 GROUPS OF REQUIRED SIZE		IN SUCCESSFUL GROUPS		WHO APPLIED INDIVIDUALLY		TOTALS	
	BULL	COW	BULL	COW	BULL	COW	BULL	COW	BULL	COW	BULL	COW	BULL	COW
1A	20	20	0	0	0.0	0.0	-	-	0	0	1	1	1	1
1C	1600	550	17	10	0.0	0.0	-	-	0	0	96	63	96	63
1D	5	5	0	0	0.0	0.0	-	-	0	0	2	2	2	2
2	120	45	63	40	0.5	4.0	-	-	8	8	118	45	126	53
3	300	100	401	218	1.3	2.2	39	13	102	59	261	83	363	142
4	255	85	366	199	1.4	2.3	56	17	132	80	199	59	331	139
5	340	110	884	399	2.6	3.6	97	14	373	124	222	76	595	200
6	140	65	177	89	1.3	1.4	5	5	12	12	135	60	147	72
7A	150	70	21	23	0.1	0.3	-	-	9	3	146	69	155	72
7B	190	60	289	139	1.5	2.3	16	7	39	31	174	49	213	80
8	310	160	539	277	1.7	1.7	62	37	148	92	248	123	396	215
9A	140	55	319	103	2.3	1.9	8	10	107	27	101	45	208	72
9B	60	20	130	36	2.2	1.8	7	2	41	8	46	18	87	26
11A	200	90	109	94	0.5	1.04	-	2	28	11	194	88	222	99
11B	115	65	245	148	2.1	2.3	33	23	87	67	82	42	169	109
12A	170	45	313	163	1.8	3.6	59	14	155	93	111	23	266	116
12B	520	130	774	443	1.5	3.4	91	27	227	162	429	93	656	255
13	1255	350	985	892	0.8	2.5	-	36	189	176	1211	294	1400	470
14	65	10	43	44	0.7	4.4	-	1	12	10	63	8	75	18
15A	250	85	924	369	3.7	4.3	77	32	432	210	143	42	575	252
15B	1350	335	881	929	0.7	2.8	-	68	448	392	1230	199	1678	591
16A	115	40	6	5	0.0	0.1	-	-	6	0	90	40	96	40
16B	70	30	148	51	2.1	1.7	6	10	82	27	41	20	123	47
16C	280	120	27	23	0.0	0.2	-	-	19	8	246	118	265	126
17	560	270	36	29	0.0	0.1	-	-	17	3	188	131	205	134
18A	100	8	175	65	1.8	8.1	33	0	89	3	67	8	156	11
18B	145	40	123	58	0.8	1.5	-	7	53	17	127	33	180	50
19	119	22	500	146	4.2	6.6	20	1	250	13	62	20	312	33
21A	639	91	1025	523	1.6	5.7	148	7	395	129	491	68	886	197
21B	630	115	1735	610	2.8	5.3	231	9	943	216	339	70	1282	286
22	75	40	471	189	6.3	4.7	5	13	134	95	53	24	187	119
23	110	50	667	290	6.1	5.8	19	10	157	86	85	38	242	124
24	80	35	673	257	8.4	7.3	6	1	103	33	65	30	168	63
25	40	90	57	21	1.4	0.2	6	-	21	37	34	79	55	116
26	75	20	454	110	6.1	5.5	27	4	242	49	34	11	276	60
27	210	40	992	256	4.7	6.4	66	5	421	63	130	30	551	93
28	575	184	3186	1270	5.5	6.9	109	40	1230	449	364	121	1594	570
29	283	114	1935	617	6.8	5.4	47	12	654	157	179	86	833	243
30	155	110	1102	644	7.1	5.9	13	28	190	246	126	70	316	316
31	93	41	980	465	10.5	11.3	0*	0*	131	140	72	21	203	161
32	50	25	437	166	8.7	6.6	2	1	81	27	37	20	118	47
33	40	5	265	48	6.6	9.6	6	0	90	14	26	3	116	17
34	20	5	157	60	7.9	12.0	0	0*	40	7	12	4	52	11
35	160	85	1785	574	11.2	6.8	0*	2	299	115	102	61	401	176
36	140	50	804	456	5.7	9.2	22	0	222	126	103	29	325	155
37	25	20	297	181	11.9	9.1	0*	0	10	21	24	16	34	37
38	645	240	2964	1114	4.6	4.6	94	18	1373	675	328	133	1701	808
39	165	190	1135	774	6.9	4.1	15	70	376	428	103	99	479	527
40	245	285	2246	1540	9.2	5.4	3	101	721	768	144	158	865	926
41	300	400	2254	1775	7.5	4.4	22	104	509	753	223	263	732	1016
42	50	55	834	489	16.7	8.9	0*	4	34	55	44	48	78	103
46	25	20	170	197	6.8	9.9	5	0	59	99	18	6	77	105
47	260	80	1459	474	5.6	5.9	124**	30**	991	256	115	43	1106	299
48	305	45	2239	514	7.3	11.4	126	0*	1324	80	127	35	1451	115
49	150	90	1206	825	8.1	9.2	51	3	704	406	62	39	766	445
50	315	80	1164	584	3.7	7.3	188**	39**	872	396	109	25	981	421

STATISTICS -GUN BULL & COW APPLICANTS (cont'd)

WMU	QUOTA		# OF P1C1 APPLICANTS		P1C1 HUNTER: TAG RATIO		# OF POOL 1 GROUPS OF REQUIRED SIZE		IN SUCCESSFUL GROUPS		WHO APPLIED INDIVIDUALLY		TOTALS	
	BULL	COW	BULL	COW	BULL	COW	BULL	COW	BULL	COW	BULL	COW	BULL	COW
53	60	20	440	161	7.3	8.1	11	7**	241	69	26	12	267	81
54	500	100	583	666	1.2	6.7	90**	11	470	306	381	47	851	353
55A	50	10	500	127	10.0	12.7	9	0*	224	30	22	7	246	37
55B	18	8	157	96	8.7	12.0	1	0*	27	30	14	5	41	35
56	125	35	632	291	5.1	8.3	71	3	468	154	43	14	511	168
57	75	20	444	142	5.9	7.1	33	7	300	73	29	11	329	84
58	10	10	29	22	2.9	2.2	1	3	4	11	9	7	13	18
60	55	15	626	190	11.4	12.7	0*	0*	92	8	43	13	135	21
61	175	80	236	206	1.3	2.6	49**	42	171	138	125	38	296	176
62	25	25	20	18	0.8	0.7	-	-	9	19	23	22	32	41
63	25	10	142	51	5.7	5.1	5	1	59	11	14	7	73	18
TOTALS	15922	5923	44997	21987	4.4***	5***			17456	8411	10311	3665	27767	12076

* Hunter:Tag Ratio at P1C1 was greater than 10 to 1, the current group size maximum. Therefore there was no Large Group Allocation only a random draw among all applicants

** In these WMUs there were enough groups equal to or larger than the Hunter:Tag Ratio that a second large group allocation took place for groups one Pool 1 member smaller than the indicated hunter tag ratio (e.g. hunter tag ratio = 5, after all groups of 5 received tag hunter tag ratio was recalculated at four and all groups of 4 Pool 1 hunters also received tags

*** Indicates the average Pool 1 group size required.

1996 MOOSE DRAW ARCHERY STATISTICS

Percent chance for Individual and groups smaller than the Hunter:Tag Ratio and Total applicants for each Pool and Choice

WMU	Bull Tag Applications and Percent Chance at each Step								Cow Tag Applications and Percent Chance at each Step							
	Apps P1C1	P1C1 %chance	Apps P1C2	P1C2 %chance	Apps P2C1	P2C1 %chance	Apps P2C2	P2C2 %chance	Apps P1C1	P1C1 %chance	Apps P1C2	P1C2 %chance	Apps P2C1	P2C1 %chance	Apps P2C2	P2C2 %chance
2	2	100%	0	100%	3	100%	4	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	14	100%	8	100%	37	31%	19	0%	1	100%	5	100%	3	100%	8	0%
4	2	100%	4	100%	10	70%	21	0%	0	100%	3	100%	2	100%	4	100%
5	29	100%	10	100%	70	36%	36	0%	4	100%	7	100%	9	36%	31	0%
6	1	100%	4	100%	13	69%	9	0%	0	100%	1	100%	1	100%	7	100%
7B	2	100%	2	100%	19	37%	11	0%	0	100%	1	100%	4	100%	7	58%
8	6	100%	15	100%	41	64%	17	0%	1	100%	5	100%	5	64%	19	0%
9A	4	100%	3	100%	14	71%	22	0%	1	100%	2	100%	2	100%	9	58%
9B	1	100%	2	100%	11	100%	7	100%	2	100%	0	100%	2	100%	2	100%
11A	6	100%	6	100%	28	88%	13	0%	0	100%	3	100%	8	100%	11	100%
12A	12	100%	22	100%	38	24%	17	0%	2	100%	5	100%	6	100%	20	13%
12B	42	61%	0	0%	0	100%	23	0%	7	100%	8	0%	2	0%	10	0%
13	83	89%	38	0%	106	0%	54	0%	2	100%	18	100%	28	100%	63	40%
14	4	100%	6	100%	9	100%	12	40%	0	100%	3	100%	2	100%	3	100%
15A	18	100%	13	100%	49	43%	24	0%	1	100%	9	100%	11	43%	27	100%
15B	44	100%	42	100%	58	11%	45	0%	8	100%	13	100%	13	100%	27	14%
18A	5	100%	5	100%	19	100%	18	100%	0	100%	3	100%	9	100%	13	100%
19	16	100%	17	100%	79	71%	52	0%	8	100%	5	100%	23	59%	39	0%
21A	64	100%	43	100%	79	8%	63	0%	15	100%	32	100%	24	19%	49	0%
21B	116	73%	65	0%	96	0%	46	0%	20	100%	55	9%	31	0%	59	0%
23	123	47%	56	0%	83	0%	43	0%	6	100%	44	100%	25	52%	50	0%
24	83	61%	74	0%	63	0%	54	0%	9	100%	40	73%	21	0%	39	0%
29	441	29%	184	0%	201	0%	110	0%	56	100%	243	25%	88	0%	137	0%
38	340	28%	147	0%	167	0%	76	0%	22	72%	181	0%	35	0%	103	0%
TOTALS	1458		766		1293		796		165		686		354		737	

1996 MOOSE DRAW GUN STATISTICS

Percent chance for individual and groups smaller than the Hunter:Tag Ratio
and
Total applicants for each Pool and Choice

WMU	Bull Tag Applications and Percent Chance at each Step								Cow Tag Applications and Percent Chance at each Step							
	Apps P1C1	P1C1 %chance	Apps P1C2	P1C2 %chance	Apps P2C1	P2C1 %chance	Apps P2C2	P2C2 %chance	Apps P1C1	P1C1 %chance	Apps P1C2	P1C2 %chance	Apps P2C1	P2C1 %chance	Apps P2C2	P2C2 %chance
1A	0	100%	0	100%	1	100%	0	100%	0	100%	1	100%	1	100%	1	100%
1C	17	100%	13	100%	66	100%	55	100%	10	100%	13	100%	46	100%	50	100%
1D	0	100%	0	100%	2	100%	0	100%	0	100%	0	100%	1	100%	1	100%
2	63	100%	86	100%	110	47%	103	0%	40	100%	67	100%	41	0%	83	0%
3	401	82%	286	0%	381	0%	249	0%	218	51%	293	0%	150	0%	250	0%
4	366	79%	297	0%	306	0%	229	0%	199	50%	257	0%	125	0%	176	0%
5	884	43%	477	0%	501	0%	313	0%	399	32%	654	0%	214	0%	334	0%
6	177	81%	156	0%	155	0%	120	0%	89	77%	140	0%	73	0%	131	0%
7A	21	100%	35	100%	103	100%	92	59%	23	100%	13	100%	72	62%	78	0%
7B	289	68%	181	0%	266	0%	160	0%	139	46%	182	0%	110	0%	191	0%
8	539	61%	389	0%	393	0%	262	0%	277	62%	437	0%	189	0%	310	0%
9A	319	50%	211	0%	235	0%	152	0%	103	55%	240	0%	81	0%	166	0%
9B	130	52%	91	0%	92	0%	62	0%	36	62%	84	0%	25	0%	53	0%
11A	109	100%	145	100%	248	28%	153	0%	94	98%	114	0%	106	0%	187	0%
11B	245	50%	197	0%	196	0%	149	0%	148	51%	169	0%	70	0%	126	0%
12A	313	64%	346	0%	289	0%	203	0%	163	35%	243	0%	99	0%	188	0%
12B	774	76%	568	0%	649	0%	466	0%	443	33%	499	0%	255	0%	415	0%
13	985	100%	1104	73%	1306	0%	1009	0%	892	41%	674	0%	643	0%	808	0%
14	43	100%	46	0%	64	0%	63	0%	44	25%	32	0%	30	0%	26	0%
15A	924	31%	472	0%	461	0%	276	0%	369	27%	622	0%	163	0%	315	0%
15B	881	100%	1166	100%	1523	13%	1076	0%	929	41%	680	0%	512	0%	876	0%
16A	6	100%	12	0%	65	0%	63	0%	5	100%	13	100%	32	97%	45	0%
16B	148	60%	113	0%	98	0%	60	0%	51	80%	99	0%	28	0%	64	0%
16C	27	100%	29	100%	190	100%	171	100%	23	100%	26	100%	116	88%	135	0%
17	36	100%	38	100%	124	100%	111	100%	29	100%	39	100%	81	100%	101	100%
18A	175	71%	119	0%	103	0%	77	0%	65	12%	92	0%	53	0%	50	0%
18B	123	100%	126	95%	138	0%	83	0%	58	77%	108	0%	53	0%	97	0%
19	500	31%	252	0%	229	0%	140	0%	146	16%	312	0%	72	0%	148	0%
21A	1025	73%	1000	0%	878	0%	666	0%	523	19%	679	0%	383	0%	530	0%
21B	1735	44%	1090	0%	908	0%	553	0%	610	24%	1144	0%	310	0%	604	0%
22	471	19%	306	0%	152	0%	109	0%	189	26%	359	0%	79	0%	136	0%
23	667	17%	335	0%	195	0%	129	0%	290	19%	477	0%	96	0%	147	0%
24	673	13%	400	0%	232	0%	158	0%	257	15%	528	0%	98	0%	157	0%
25	57	77%	45	0%	70	0%	69	0%	21	100%	55	100%	63	100%	76	19%
26	454	20%	193	0%	140	0%	75	0%	110	24%	347	0%	53	0%	123	0%
27	992	24%	528	0%	394	0%	172	0%	256	17%	694	0%	120	0%	278	0%
28	3186	22%	1687	0%	1089	0%	517	0%	1270	16%	2437	0%	416	0%	847	0%
29	1935	17%	1092	0%	703	0%	369	0%	617	21%	1606	0%	279	0%	615	0%
30	1102	15%	793	0%	389	0%	273	0%	644	19%	947	0%	203	0%	343	0%
31	980	11%	598	0%	342	0%	213	0%	465	12%	699	0%	174	0%	275	0%
32	437	13%	252	0%	158	0%	94	0%	166	17%	352	0%	64	0%	125	0%
33	265	18%	119	0%	79	0%	45	0%	48	13%	168	0%	24	0%	54	0%
34	157	15%	103	0%	67	0%	34	0%	60	9%	109	0%	18	0%	44	0%
35	1785	10%	848	0%	705	0%	337	0%	574	17%	1281	0%	243	0%	548	0%
36	804	19%	585	0%	298	0%	190	0%	458	14%	711	0%	136	0%	249	0%
37	297	9%	198	0%	165	0%	122	0%	181	12%	250	0%	89	0%	124	0%
38	2964	28%	1650	0%	1134	0%	698	0%	1114	27%	2512	0%	499	0%	917	0%
39	1135	18%	802	0%	404	0%	299	0%	774	30%	1040	0%	263	0%	363	0%
40	2246	14%	1590	0%	717	0%	578	0%	1540	22%	2096	0%	517	0%	694	0%
41	2254	15%	1829	0%	909	0%	612	0%	1775	27%	2136	0%	621	0%	859	0%
42	834	6%	516	0%	377	0%	213	0%	489	12%	677	0%	198	0%	319	0%
46	170	17%	184	0%	87	0%	67	0%	197	16%	165	0%	49	0%	71	0%
47	1459	26%	671	0%	487	0%	247	0%	474	22%	1039	0%	187	0%	384	0%

GUN STATISTICS (cont'd)

WMU	Bull Tag Applications and Percent Chance at each Step								Cow Tag Applications and Percent Chance at each Step							
	Apps P1C1	P1C1 %chance	Apps P1C2	P1C2 %chance	Apps P2C1	P2C1 %chance	Apps P2C2	P2C2 %chance	Apps P1C1	P1C1 %chance	Apps P1C2	P1C2 %chance	Apps P2C1	P2C1 %chance	Apps P2C2	P2C2 %chance
48	2239	18%	1074	0%	599	0%	402	0%	514	10%	1514	0%	282	0%	453	0%
49	1206	17%	835	0%	461	0%	321	0%	825	17%	1046	0%	303	0%	390	0%
50	1164	37%	717	0%	556	0%	298	0%	584	18%	816	0%	223	0%	387	0%
53	440	20%	250	0%	165	0%	125	0%	161	14%	338	0%	77	0%	132	0%
54	583	100%	748	23%	541	0%	464	0%	666	20%	488	0%	327	0%	334	0%
55A	500	13%	208	0%	162	0%	102	0%	127	10%	276	0%	62	0%	85	0%
55B	157	13%	178	0%	61	0%	84	0%	96	12%	128	0%	33	0%	47	0%
56	632	29%	435	0%	267	0%	179	0%	291	20%	426	0%	126	0%	199	0%
57	444	23%	289	0%	168	0%	119	0%	142	18%	292	0%	83	0%	130	0%
58	29	35%	33	0%	34	0%	29	0%	22	58%	53	0%	21	0%	35	0%
60	626	10%	312	0%	254	0%	156	0%	190	8%	484	0%	86	0%	185	0%
61	236	100%	215	22%	229	0%	172	0%	206	50%	219	0%	133	0%	164	0%
62	20	100%	28	100%	45	7%	41	0%	18	100%	23	100%	32	27%	44	0%
63	142	22%	102	0%	67	0%	72	0%	51	21%	99	0%	50	0%	43	0%
TOTALS																
44997									29793 22982 15300 21987 34813 10461 16915							

1996 MOOSE DRAW STATISTICS - ARCHERY BULL & COW APPLICANTS

WMU	QUOTA		# OF P1C1 APPLICANTS		P1C1 HUNTER: TAG RATIO		# OF POOL 1 GROUPS OF REQUIRED SIZE		IN SUCCESSFUL GROUPS		WHO APPLIED INDIVIDUALLY		TOTALS	
	BULL	COW	BULL	COW	BULL	COW	BULL	COW	BULL	COW	BULL	COW	BULL	COW
2	5	0	2	-	0.4	-	-	-	0	0	5	-	5	-
3	25	5	14	1	0.6	0.2	-	-	4	0	24	5	28	5
4	10	10	2	0	0.2	0.0	-	-	0	0	10	5	10	5
5	55	10	29	4	0.5	0.4	-	-	0	0	55	10	55	10
6	10	5	1	0	0.1	0.0	-	-	0	0	10	4	10	4
7B	10	5	2	0	0.2	0.0	-	-	0	0	10	5	10	5
8	35	5	6	1	0.2	0.2	-	-	2	0	34	5	36	5
9A	15	5	4	1	0.3	0.2	-	-	0	0	15	5	15	5
9B	15	5	1	2	0.0	0.4	-	-	0	4	15	0	15	4
11A	30	10	6	0	0.2	0.0	-	-	2	0	29	10	31	10
12A	25	10	12	2	0.5	0.2	-	-	0	0	25	10	25	10
12B	25	5	42	7	1.7	1.4	2	2	4	5	23	3	27	8
13	70	50	83	2	1.2	0.0	4	-	11	7	66	47	77	54
14	15	10	4	0	0.3	0.0	-	-	0	0	15	2	15	2
15A	40	10	18	1	0.5	0.1	-	-	2	2	39	9	41	11
15B	50	20	44	8	0.9	0.4	-	-	5	7	49	17	54	24
18A	35	12	5	0	0.1	0.0	-	-	4	5	26	7	30	12
19	75	20	16	8	0.2	0.4	-	-	10	3	71	19	81	22
21A	68	17	64	15	0.9	0.9	-	-	16	10	63	12	79	22
21B	80	20	116	20	1.5	1.0	7	-	20	4	73	19	93	23
23	50	40	123	6	2.5	0.2	4	-	39	6	35	37	74	43
24	50	20	83	9	1.7	0.5	4	-	5	0	46	20	51	20
29	119	85	441	56	3.7	0.7	20	-	124	28	85	76	209	104
38	85	15	340	22	4.0	1.5	18	2	132	5	51	13	183	18

* Hunter:Tag Ratio at P1C1 was greater than 10 to 1, the current group size maximum. Therefore there was no Large Group Allocation only a random drawn among all applicants

** In these WMUs there were enough groups equal to or larger than the Hunter:Tag Ratio that a second large group allocation took place for groups one Pool 1 member smaller than the indicated hunter tag ratio (e.g. hunter tag ratio = 5, after all groups of 5 received tag hunter tag ratio was recalculated at four and all groups of 4 Pool 1 hunters also received tags.

*** Indicates the average Pool 1 group size required.

1997 MOOSE VALIDATION TAG DRAW QUOTAS
GUN TAGS AVAILABLE FOR 1997

WMU	BULLS	COWS	TOTALS
1A	20	20	40
1C	1600	550	2150
1D	5	5	10
2	120	45	165
3	300	100	400
4	255	85	340
5	340	110	450
6	140	65	205
7A	150	50	200
7B	185	50	235
8	310	160	470
9A	130	50	180
9B	60	20	80
11A	60	20	80
11B	115	65	180
12A	130	35	165
12B	425	125	550
13	1225	350	1575
14	33	9	42
15A	250	85	335
15B	1480	340	1820
16A	115	40	155
16B	70	30	100
16C	280	120	400
17	253	150	403
18A	70	8	78
18B	79	25	104
19	119	22	141
21A	639	91	730
21B	630	115	745
22	75	30	105
23	90	35	125
24	65	35	100
25	40	90	130
26	30	15	45
27	210	40	250
28	593	189	782
29	283	114	397
30	155	110	265
31	93	41	134
32	53	38	91
33	40	5	45
34	20	5	25
35	150	65	215
36	140	50	190
37	16	15	31
38	335	135	470
39	145	85	230

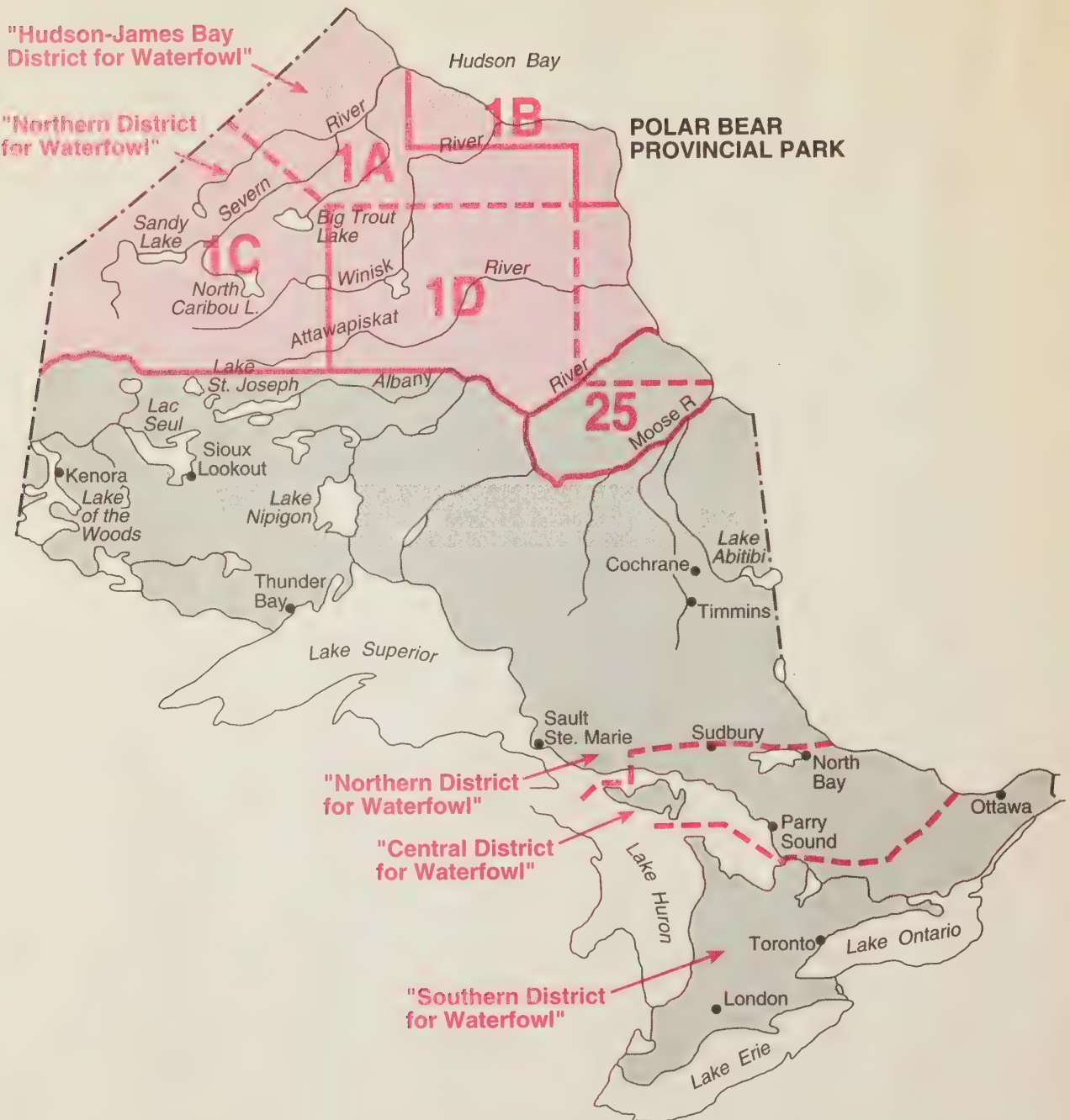
WMU	BULLS	COWS	TOTALS
40	165	120	285
41	210	280	490
42	55	50	105
46	30	15	45
47	175	55	230
48	305	45	350
49	68	25	93
50	230	60	290
53	50	15	65
54	500	100	600
55A	28	5	33
55B	18	8	26
56	125	35	160
57	80	15	95
58	10	10	20
60	55	15	70
61	60	20	80
62	10	0	10
63	25	10	10

ARCHERY TAGS AVAILABLE FOR 1997

WMU	BULLS	COWS	TOTALS
2	5	0	5
3	25	5	30
4	10	10	20
5	55	10	65
6	10	5	15
7B	10	5	15
8	35	5	40
9A	15	5	20
9B	15	5	20
11A	20	10	30
12A	25	10	35
12B	25	5	30
13	70	50	120
14	15	10	25
15A	40	10	50
15B	65	20	85
18A	35	12	47
19	120	30	150
21A	68	17	85
21B	80	20	100
23	25	40	65
24	35	6	41
29	119	85	204
38	35	20	55

WATERFOWL SEASONS

MAP 4



WATERFOWL SEASONS

Waterfowl seasons subject to the following:

1. (a) "HUDSON-JAMES BAY DISTRICT" means that part of Ontario comprising WMUs 1A and 1B and those portions of WMUs 1D and 25 lying east of longitude 83° 45' and north of latitude 51° 50'.
 - (b) "NORTHERN DISTRICT" means that part of Ontario comprising WMUs 1C, those portions of WMUs 1D and 25 lying west of longitude 83° 45' and south of latitude 51° 50', WMUs 2 to 24 inclusive, 26 to 41 inclusive, and 45.
 - (c) "CENTRAL DISTRICT" means that part of Ontario comprising WMUs 42 to 44 inclusive, 46 to 50 inclusive, and 53 to 59 inclusive.
 - (d) "SOUTHERN DISTRICT" means that part of Ontario comprising WMUs 60A, and 61 to 95 inclusive.
2. In the Southern District there is no open season for geese in that portion of the Township of Camden East in the County of Lennox and Addington described as follows:

Starting at the intersection of the westerly limit of County Road No. 4 and the road from Centreville to Enterprise; then

3.058 km southerly to the main travelled road to Moscow; then 6.759 km easterly to the road running northwesterly between the east and west halves of Lot 41, Concession V; then 0.966 km northwesterly to the former Napanee Tamworth and Quebec Railway right-of-way; then 5.150 km northwesterly to the road running southerly from Enterprise to Centreville; then 7.564 km southeasterly to the starting point.

3. The open season does not apply to the following areas:

- (a) that portion of the Township of Norfolk in the Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk shown as the Big Creek National Wildlife Area and shown as Part 1 on the designated Plan R.17 deposited in the Registry Division of Norfolk;
- (b) that portion of the Township of Dover West in the County of Kent consisting of Lots 1 to 3 inclusive in the Fourth Concession of the said Township of Dover West;
- (c) that portion of Lake St. Clair, Rondeau Bay in the County of Kent and that portion of Long Point Bay on Lake Erie that lies westerly of a line extending from the confluence of the waters of Lake Erie with the waters of Cottage Creek across the most westerly extremity of

Whitefish Bar Island to the intersection with the southerly shore of Turkey Point, situated beyond 300 metres from the shore or a natural rush bed or a water line that forms a boundary of private property;

- (d) that portion of the St. Lawrence River within the Lake St. Francis and the islands contained therein, lying between the easterly boundary of the dam at the site of the Robert H. Saunders Generating Station and Point St. Louis and the Interprovincial Boundary between Ontario and Quebec, situated beyond 300 metres from the shore of the mainland or of any island contained within the said area or from any natural rush bed, or water line that forms a boundary of private property; and
- (e) that portion of the Township of Norfolk in the Regional Municipality of Haldimand-Norfolk described as follows:

The east quarter of Lot 7 and the west half of Lot 8 extending south of Regional Road number 42 to the adjacent northern boundary of the Long Point Conservation Authority Marsh described in instrument number 359664 deposited in the Registry Division of Norfolk.

BOATING TIPS FOR HUNTERS

- In spring and fall when water temperatures are low, your chances of survival if you fall overboard are considerably reduced. Remain with your boat and try to pull yourself out of the water.
- Don't wear open-top rubber boots or waders. You're sure to sink if you fall overboard. Carry a pair of ankle boots to wear in the boat.
- Watch your hunting dog. A rowdy retriever can capsize a boat. Keep your dog quiet and under control.
- Don't stand up in a small boat. If you want to change places, or if Mother Nature calls, go ashore.

See regulations regarding "Use of Vehicles or Vessels" on page 7.

WATERFOWL SEASONS

Note: These seasons are tentative. Before hunting please check Migratory Birds Regulations (Federal)

District	Open Seasons		
	Ducks, Rails (other than Harlequin Ducks & King Rails), Gallinule, Snipe & Coots	Geese* (including Brant)	Woodcock
Hudson-James Bay District	Sept. 1 to Dec. 15	Sept. 1 to Dec. 15	Sept. 1 to Dec. 15
Northern District	Sept. 15 to Dec. 20	Sept. 1 to Sept. 10(a) and Sept. 15 to Dec. 20	Sept. 15 to Dec. 20
Central District	Sept. 20 to Dec. 20	Sept. 20 to Dec. 20	Sept. 20 to Dec. 20
Southern District	Sept. 25 to Dec. 20	(b) see table of Goose Open Seasons - Southern District	Sept. 25 to Dec. 20

(a) In Wildlife Management Units 36 and 45.

* Before hunting, check Federal Regulations for possible changes to season opening dates and bag and possession limits.

REPORTING OF BANDED BIRDS: A new toll free telephone number is available to report banded birds. If you retrieve a banded bird, please call **1-800-327-BAND** (1-800-327-2263) and provide your information. Banding information is very important for the management of migratory birds.

(b) GOOSE OPEN SEASONS - SOUTHERN DISTRICT

WMU(s)	Seasons(s)
60A, 64A, 68, 70 to 75, 79, 80, 87 to 90	Sept. 25 to Dec. 30 and Jan. 15 to Jan. 23
61 to 63, 66, 67, 95	Sept. 25 to Dec. 30
64B, 69A	Sept. 6 to Sept. 20 and Nov. 6 to Dec. 31 and Jan. 15 to Jan. 23
65, 69B	Sept. 6 to Sept. 20 and Nov. 6 to Dec. 31
76 to 78, 81	Sept. 2 to Sept. 12 and Sept. 25 to Dec. 29
82 to 84	Sept. 2 to Sept. 12 and Oct. 15 to Dec. 31 and Jan. 15 to Jan. 23
85, 86	Sept. 2 to Sept. 12 and Oct. 15 to Dec. 31
91, 92	Sept. 2 to Sept. 12 and Sept. 25 to Dec. 20 and Jan. 15 to Jan. 23
93A	Sept. 2 to Sept. 12 and Oct. 16 to Dec. 31 and Jan. 15 to Jan. 23
93	Oct. 15 to Dec. 31 and Jan. 15 to Jan. 23
94B (Malden Township)	Sept. 2 to Sept. 12 and Oct. 31 to Dec. 31
94	Oct. 31 to Dec. 31

NON-TOXIC ZONES: It is expected that all of Ontario will be designated a non-toxic shot zone for hunting migratory game birds in 1997.

NON-TOXIC SHOT INFORMATION: Information about non-toxic shot regulations, use and availability can be obtained toll-free by calling the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre, Midland, Ontario at 1-800-267-5171.

DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Note: Red-breasted, American and hooded mergansers must be included in Daily and Possession Limits for ducks.

Limits	Ducks (other than Harlequin Ducks)	Geese (including Brant)	Rails (other than King Rails), Coots, Gallinules and Snipe	Woodcock
Daily Bag	6(a)(b)(c)	5(d)(e)(f)(g)	10	8
Possession	12(a)(b)(c)	10(d)(e)(f)(g)	20	16

- (a) Not more than one Black Duck may be taken daily and not more than two Black Ducks may be possessed in Central and Southern Districts and not more than two Black Ducks may be taken daily and not more than four Black Ducks may be possessed in Hudson-James Bay and Northern Districts.
- (b) Not more than two Canvasback may be taken daily and not more than four Canvasbacks may be possessed.
- (c) Not more than two Redheads may be taken daily and not more than four Redheads may be possessed.
- (d) Not more than two Canada geese may be taken daily and not more than four Canada Geese may be possessed in that portion of Wildlife Management Unit 1D in Hudson-James Bay District, and in Wildlife Management Units 23 to 32 inclusive, and 37 to 41 inclusive.
- (e) Three additional Snow Geese may be taken daily and 14 additional Snow Geese may be possessed in Hudson-James Bay and Northern Districts.
- (f) Not more than one Canada Goose may be taken daily and not more than two Canada Geese may be possessed in Wildlife Management Unit 94 from October 31 to December 31 inclusive.
- (g) Not more than three Canada Geese may be taken daily and not more than six Canada Geese may be possessed in Wildlife Management Units 64B, 65 and 69 from November 6 to December 31 inclusive.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED IN THIS SUMMARY

ANTLERLESS DEER: Deer that have no antlers or antlers that are less than 7.5 cm (3 inches) long. Generally, they include adult female deer and fawns of both sexes.

CONTROLLED HUNT: Hunts in which the total number of hunters are restricted. A hunter needs a controlled hunt validation tag to participate in a controlled hunt.

EXPORT PERMIT: The permit required to take a moose, deer, bear or furbearer, or any part of them out of Ontario.

LICENCES, TAGS AND GAME SEALS:

OUTDOORS CARDS:

An Outdoors card constitutes a licence to hunt the animals and birds specified on the licence tag when it is affixed to the card.

LICENCE TAG:

Means a tag, which when affixed to an Outdoors card, constitutes a licence to hunt animals or birds, or a class thereof specified on the tag.

GAME SEAL:

The seal that must be attached to a moose, deer, wild turkey or black bear as soon as the animal is killed. The seal must remain attached to the animal while it is transported.

VALIDATION TAG:

Means a tag which validates a licence to hunt game animals or birds of a specified number, age or sex or in a specified area. A validation tag must be affixed to the back of the game seal to allow hunters to hunt adult moose or antlerless deer. A validation tag is also needed to take part in the controlled hunts for deer.

NON-RESIDENT: A person who does not qualify as a resident (see **Resident**). The ownership of property in Ontario does not qualify a person for a resident's licence.

OFFICER: A conservation officer or a deputy conservation officer. This term also includes a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Force, a member of a police force appointed under the Police Services Act and any other person authorized to enforce the Game and Fish Act.

PARTY HUNTING: Hunting in a party of two or more persons who each have a valid licence to hunt, who agreed to hunt

cooperatively during a period in an area that can reasonably be hunted. Hunters in a party must be able to communicate with each other and have an effective means of notifying other members when an animal has been harvested. Party hunting is legal for moose, deer and bear.

RESIDENT: A person who has resided in Ontario for at least seven consecutive months during the previous 12 months before the time that the person's residence is relevant, for example, the issuance of a licence tag under the Game and Fish Act.

SELECTIVE HARVEST SYSTEM: The system that controls the harvest of prime breeding animals of moose and deer. The harvest of adult moose and antlerless deer is restricted to those who hold the appropriate validation tag, which is obtained through a random draw.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS

(WMU): Numbered divisions of the province used for wildlife management. WMU numbers are used in the tables for open seasons to indicate the relevant geographic areas of the province. Contact MNR office for exact descriptions of WMU boundaries.

A POACHER IS A THIEF

Ontario's wildlife and fisheries are an important part of our natural heritage. Our game and fish laws help sustain these resources for today's users, and for our children and future generations.

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Help protect the future of hunting and fishing in Ontario by getting involved.

If you see a poacher, call Crime Stoppers. For any other hunting/fishing information or enquiries, please contact your local Ministry of Natural Resources office (p. 47).

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DISTRICT/REGION

Brant/Brantford	(519) 752-7867
Carleton/Almonte & District	(613) 253-4136
Chatham/Kent	(519) 351-8477
Cochrane	(705) 268-8477
Durham	(905) 436-8477
Elliot Lake	(705) 848-8477
Grey Bruce	(519) 376-3787
Haldimand-Norfolk & Tillsonburg	(905) 768-1674
Halton	(905) 825-8477
Hamilton-Wentworth	(905) 522-8477
Huron County	(519) 524-8314
Kingston & District	(613) 634-8477
Kirkland Lake & District	(705) 567-5400
Lindsay	(705) 878-8477
London & District	(519) 661-8477
Near North	(705) 476-8477
Northwest Ontario	1-800-222-TIPS
Ottawa & Area	(613) 233-8477
Oxford (Woodstock)	(519) 421-8477
Oxford (Ingersoll)	(519) 425-8477

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Pembroke/Renfrew County	(613) 735-8477
Perth County	(519) 393-5160
Peterborough/Northumberland	(705) 745-9000
Quinte	(613) 969-8477
St. Thomas	(519) 631-8477
	(519) 773-8477
Sarnia/Lambton	(519) 332-8477
Sault Ste. Marie Algoma	(705) 942-7867
Seaway Valley	(613) 937-8477
Simcoe, Dufferin Counties, Muskoka . .	(705) 726-2245
Smith Falls	(613) 284-2274
Sudbury Rainbow	(705) 675-8477
Thunder Bay	(807) 623-8477
Toronto & Region	(416) 222-8477
Tri-Town	(705) 476-8477
Upper Ottawa Valley	(613) 432-8665
Wallaceburg & Area	(519) 627-8477
Waterloo	1-800-222-TIPS
Wellington	1-800-222-TIPS
Windsor & Essex County	(519) 258-8477

MNR Offices

NORTHWEST REGION

Atikokan (WMUs 11A, 12A, 12B)

108 Saturn Avenue POT 1CO
(807) 597-6971

Dryden (WMUs 5, 8, 15A)

479 Government Road (Hwy. 17),
Box 730 P8N 2Z4 (807) 223-3341

Fort Frances (WMUs 9A, 9B, 10, 11A, 12A, 12B)

922 Scott Street P9A 1J4
(807) 274-5337

Geraldton

(WMUs 17, 18A, 18B, 19)

208 Beamish Avenue W.,
Box 640 POT 1MO
(807) 854-1030

Ignace (WMU 15A)

Box 448 POT 1TO
(807) 934-2233

Kenora

(WMUs 6, 7A, 7B)

808 Robertson Street,
Box 5080 P9N 3X9
(807) 468-2501

Nipigon (WMUs 14, 20)

Box 970 POT 2JO
(807) 887-5000

Red Lake (WMU 2, 3)

Box 5003 POV 2MO
(807) 727-2253

Sioux Lookout (WMUs 1C, 4, 16A, 16B)

Prince Street, Box 309 POV 2TO
(807) 737-1140

Terrace Bay (WMU 21A)

Box 280 POT 2WO (807) 825-3205

Thunder Bay (WMUs 11B, 13, 15B, 16C)

435 James Street S., Suite B001
P7E 6S8 (807) 475-1471

SOUTHCENTRAL REGION

Algonquin Park (WMU 51)

P.O. Box 219, Whitney K0J 2M0
(613) 637-2780

Aurora, Greater Toronto Area (GTA)

(WMUs 72B, 78, 79)

50 Bloomington Road W., R.R. 2
L4G 3G8 (905) 713-7400

Aylmer (WMUs 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95)

353 Talbot Street W. N5H 2S8
(519) 773-9241

Bancroft

(WMUs 51, 54, 55A, 56, 57 60A, 61, 62)

Box 500, Hwy. 28 K0L 1C0 (613) 332-3940

Bracebridge (WMUs 50, 53)

R.R. 2, Hwy 11, North P1L 1W9
(705) 645-8747

Cambridge (WMUs 80, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89)

Beaverdale Road, Box 21048 N3C 2W1
(519) 658-9355

Chatham (WMUs 93, 94, 95)

1023 Richmond Street W., Box 1168
N7M 5L8 (519) 354-7340

Clinton (Wingham) (WMUs 85, 86)

R.R. 5, Hwy. 4 South N0G 2W0
(519) 357-3131

Fonthill (Niagara) (WMUs 88, 89)

Box 1070, Fonthill LOS 1E0
(905) 892-2656

Kemptville

(WMUs 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 69B)

Postal Bag 2002, Concession Road K0G 1J0
(613) 258-8204

Kingston (WMUs 68, 69A, 70, 71)

Ontario Government Building
Beachgrove Complex, 789 King St. N.
K7L 5H1 (613) 531-5700

Midhurst (Huronia)

(WMUs 76, 77, 81, 82, 83, 84)

Midhurst L0L 1X0
(705) 725-7500

Minden (WMUs 54, 56)

Hwy. 35 By-pass K0M 2K0 (705) 286-1521

Owen Sound (WMUs 82, 83, 84)

611 Ninth Avenue E. N4K 3E4
(519) 376-3860

Parry Sound (WMUs 46, 47, 49, 50, 53)

7 Bay Street P2A 1S4 (705) 746-4201

Pembroke (WMUs 48, 55B, 58, 59)

Riverside Drive, Box 220 K8A 6X4
(613) 732-3661

Peterborough (WMUs 72, 72A, 73, 74, 75)

300 Water Street, P.O. Box 7000 K9J 8M5
(705) 755-2001

Tweed

Postal Bag 70, Old Troy Road K0K 3J0
(613) 478-2330

NORTHEAST REGION

Blind River (WMU 37)

62 Queen Street, Box 190 POR 1B0
(705) 356-2234

Chapleau (WMU 31)

190 Cherry Street POM 1K0
(705) 864-1710

Cochrane (WMUs 26, 27)

2 Third Avenue, Box 730 POL 1C0
(705) 272-4365

Espanola (WMUs 38, 43A, 43B, 44)

148 Fleming Street, Box 1340 P3E 1R8
(705) 869-1330

Gogama (WMU 29)

2000 Low Avenue, Box 129 POM 1W0
(705) 894-2000

Hearst (WMUs 22, 23, 24)

631 Front Street, Box 670 POL 1N0
(705) 362-4346

Kapuskasing

R.R.2 P5N 2X8
(705) 335-6191

Kirkland Lake (WMU 28)

Box 129, Corner Hwy. 66 & 112
POK 1T0 (705) 642-3222

Manitouwadge (WMU 21B)

Box 309 POT 2C0 (807) 826-3225

Moosonee

(WMUs 1A, 1B, 1D, 25)

Box 190 POL 1Y0
(705) 336-2987

North Bay

(WMUs 40, 41, 47)

3301 Trout Lake Road
P1A 4L7
(705) 475-5550

Sault Ste. Marie (WMUs 35, 36, 37, 45)

875 Queen Street E. P6A 2B3
(705) 949-1231

Sudbury

(WMUs 38, 39, 42, 43A, 43B, 44)

3767 Hwy. 69 South, Suite 5
P3G 1E7 (705) 522-7823

Timmins (WMUs 29, 30)

896 Riverside Drive P4N 3W2
(705) 267-7951

Wawa (WMUs 32, 33, 34)

Box 1160 POS 1K0 (705) 856-2396

For additional information write, visit or telephone the MNR Office nearest to where you plan to hunt.

Address correspondence:
Ministry of Natural Resources
(Box No. or street address)
(City or Town), Ontario
Postal Code

OR contact the Natural Resources Information Centre, in Toronto at:
General Inquiry 416-314-2000
French Inquiry 416-314-1665

OR in Peterborough at:
General Inquiry 705-755-2000



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ATTENTION HUNTERS

Errors in the 1997 Hunting Regulation Summary

SHARP-TAILED GROUSE AND PTARMIGAN (p. 16)

WMU 17, 18, 22-31, 40 (should read) SEPT. 15 - Mar. 31

RUFFED GROUSE, AND SPRUCE GROUSE (p. 17)

WMU 22- 31 (should read) SEPT. 15 - DEC. 31

ARCHERY SEASONS - DEER (p. 21)

WMU 79A, 79C, 79D,

80A, 80B, 85A, 85B,

85C, 87B, 87C, 87D Archery Seasons

Oct. 15 - Nov 2 (not Nov. 8 - Nov. 30)

Nov. 8 - Dec. 31 (not Dec. 5 - Dec. 31)

WMU 82A, 82B, 84 Archery seasons

Oct. 15 - Nov. 2 (this was not included)

Nov. 8 - Nov. 30

Dec. 5 - Dec. 31

MOOSE GROUP SIZE BEST BETS FOR 1997

WMU 39 Cow Best Bet is 10 (not 5 as listed)

WMU 40 Cow Best Bet is ** (greater than 10 not 8 as listed)

WMU 41 Cow Best Bet is 8 (not 5 as listed)

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